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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

DEATH OF COL. CARSON AND GEN. OLIVER HOWARD

RACE MEN CALLED TO THEIR REWARD

Arrangements for Banquet for Hon. Ernest Lyon—Political Situation Awaits Taft's Return—General News.

(Thompson's National News Bureau.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 3.—The death of Col. Perry H. Carson, which occurred Sunday morning at his late home at 1111 Fourth Street Northwest, was a distinct shock to this community. Although it had been known for several months among his close friends that the aged leader was failing in health, the end came as a surprise, as nothing serious was expected at this time. Col. Carson had been ill but three days from an attack of pneumonia, following a cold, from which it was thought he was recovering. When the announcement of his sudden demise was made Sunday at the various Churches, a throng of sympathizin gfriends immediately gathered at the Fourth Street homestead, ready to lend any aid in binding up the wounds of the bereaved family and eager to pay a last tribute to the man who had stood in the forefront of the battle for Negro citizenship long before there was a respectful consideration of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Plans were made to have the remains lie in state Monday and Tuesday at St. Paul A. M. E. Church, after which they were taken to Metropolitan A. M. E. Church for the funeral services, arranged for Wednesday afternoon. The services in this spacious auditorium were conducted most impressively by Rev. L. M. Beckett, a lifelong friend and warm admirer of Col. Carson, assisted by Rev. I. N. Ross, pastor of the Church, and a score of prominent divines of the District of Columbia, Baltimore and other points. The Masonic order, of which the deceased had long been a member, had general charge of the ceremonies, seconded by the famous Blaine Invincible Club, of which he was the president and founder. Ahree thousand people crowded into Metropolitan Church, and as many more were turned away for lack of accommodations. The interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery. In all probability a series of memorial services will be arranged at an early date, to give an opportunity for expressions of respect and love on the part of many organizations and individuals unable to participate in the necessarily brief exercises of today. In this matter the Blaine Invincibles, the Army and Navy Union, the John F. Cook lodge of Masons and the Mecca Temple of the Order of Shriners will take the lead.

Col. Carson was born in 1842, in Princess Ann county, Maryland, and was consequently 67 years of age. But having been heard of for so long and in so many interesting connections, he seemed to be older than that. He went to Baltimore when a boy, and "hustled" for a living until he reached manhood, but was unable to secure more than a very limited education, if any at all. He performed much useful labor in transporting ammunition and supplies for the Union army during the Civil war, and was engaged by the Abolitionists in operating the so-called "underground railway," by means of which slaves were enabled to escape from their masters and reach the District of Columbia or free States. He participated for a short time in the Civil war himself, as a volunteer, achieving considerable distinction for valorous deeds.

Col. Carson was an ardent admirer of the late James G. Blaine, and is said to have enjoyed the confidence of that eminent statesman to a larger extent than the majority of the white lieutenants who followed his varied fortunes. Blaine would see Carson when members of Congress would be "turned down." Just after the Chicago convention in 1884, to which the Colonel went as a delegate from the District, he organized the Blaine Invincible Club, around which he rallied the strongest political forces in the vicinity, and became Mr. Blaine's principal ally in the continued struggle for the presidency. Col. Carson was three times elected delegate to the Republican National Convention, the last time being in 1896, when McKinley was nominated. He dictated local appointments, was received into the councils of the leading statesmen of his time, ad was for years the National Committeeman for the District. Though uncompromising in his loyalty to a cause, and brooking no opposition when convinced of the correctness of his stand, he was the kindliest of men, generous to a foe and ever ready to help those who evinced a desire to help themselves upward in life. He was a giant in stature, and was sometimes facetiously dubbed "The Tall Black Oak of the Potomac," as a companion piece to Senator Voorhees, "The Tall Sycamore of the Wabash. He weighed 245 pounds when in his prime, and was as courageous physically as he was morally. In late years he had not been active in politics, and served as custodian of the District Building until the erection of the new structure, when he refused to accept a subordinate position and left the employment of the municipal government. It was understood that he was engaged in preparing his memoirs, the story of fifty years of national politics. He had an abundance of data which, if worked into shape, would prove a valuable contribution to the history of the period in which he lived. He was on the inside, and was cognizant of many significant facts concerning the movements on the political chessboard that have never yet been brought to light. The Negro race in this country has never produced a more unique figure than Perry H. Carson, and the passing of no leader has caused more genuine regret among the rank and file than his.

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Another death has caused widespread sorrow among the colored people of the District and of the nation at large was that of Gen. Oliver Otis Howard, the founder of Howard University, and leader in all that tended to assist the emancipated Negro to secure an education and to weave his life firmly into the moral and material fabric of this country. As president of Howard University from 1869 to 1873—its formative period; organizer, with Dr. Robert Reyburn, of the Howard Medical School; founder of the Freedmen's Bureau and its well-intentioned, if ill-starred Freedmen's Bank; moving spirit in the establishment of Freedmen's Hospital, and as a brave soldier, a big-hearted philanthropist and thoroughgoing Christian gentleman, General Howard will be long remembered by the grateful millions of the dark-hued races, not only of the United States, but of the islands of the seas, to whom his broadly-conceived benefactions offered encouragement and opportunity. Appropria e tservices were held in his honor at Howard University, on the day of his funeral at Burlington, Vt., and the citizens of Washington paid tribute to his memory on last Sunday evening at Lincoln Aemple Congregational Church, led by President W. P. Thirkield, of Howard, and by Judge Robert H. Terrell, of the Municipal Court. The addresses of Dr. Thirkield, Judge Terrell, Prof. Kelly Miller, Prof. L. B. Moore, Prof. Geo. William Cook, and others, were warmly endorsed as the sentiment of the race, touching the great constructive work of General Howard, and his unselfish labors for the uplift of mankind.

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Arrangements are being made to tender the Hon. Ernest Lyon, United States Minister to Liberia, and Bishop I. B. Scott, representing the Methodist Church in Liberia, a complimentary banquet in Washington some time about the middle of this month. This affair is to be national in scope, and is expected to bring together, either in person or by letter, representative Negroes from all parts of the country. In view of the urgent needs and the protection and encouragement of the African republic now merits, it is deemed fitting and appropriate that this banquet should be given. An expression of national and racial interest in the future of Liberia at this time will go far to stimulate the endeavors of our neighbors across the sea, and bring to their aid the powerful political and commercial agencies in this country. The suggestion has met with the most cordial endorsement from prominent race men, and there is no doubt that the movement will be a success. Dr. Booker T. Washington will be in attendance, as well as many other of our leading business, educational and professional men. Nov. 16 is the date tentatively agreed upon, although the time may have to be changed slightly to avoid conflict with any previous engagements the distinguished guests of honor may have made. Ahe proposed banquet will, in all probability, be the most notable occasion of its kind that has ever been given by our people on the American continent.

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The designation of Prof. E. L. Blackshear, Rev. C. T. Walker and Maj. R. R. Moton by Dr. Booker T. Washington as the preliminary commissioners to lay the foundation of the semi-centennial exposition in recognition of the Negro's fifty years of freedom, is entirely satisfactory to the colored people here. The appointments are made in compliance with the instructions of the Louisville convention of the National Negro Business Men's League, which organization has undertaken, by general agreement, the supervision of putting the movement into practical form. It is well understood that better results can be obtained at the outset with a small commission of experienced and sympathetic men. After the field is surveyed and ground broken, it is not doubted that Dr. Washington and his advisers will bring into service representatives of every phase of racial activity—the several religious denominations, every variety of schools, the fraternal organizations, the professions, the business, mechanical and esthetic elements that are contributing their part to our many-sided development. There need be no fear that any portion of the body politic will be neglected. It is well that the genetlemen of the commission are getting together early, for there is much to be done, and three years will be needed, with every moment utilized to the best advantage, if the exposition is built up along lines the race has a right to expect. The people have confidence in the wisdom and broad judgment of the gentlemen Dr. Washington has called around him, and kowing as they do the forces all over the country, we can rest assured that no stone will be left unturned to enlist the aid of all whose training will be helpful to the work in hand. The press will be constantly kept advised of the progress made by the commission. Its first meeting is being held this week at Auskegee.

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Nothing of a definite nature can be learned touching the political situation, until the return of President Taft. The new office building is now ready for him, and Secretary Carpenter is sitting on the lid, awaiting the coming of the chief. Rumors are flying thick and fast. Confident assertions are made one day and are flatly contradicted the next; nobody knows anything. It is said, however, that among the certainties is the speedy recognition of at least two prominent colored men. They are to have offices of national importance — presumably at Washington — with salaries equal to the best that any man of the race is now getting, if not more. Whether this means that the present staff is to be disturbed, or new places are to be found, the deponent sayeth not. One of the men said to be on the sure list is Mr. J. C. Napier, of Tennessee, one of the best, cleanest and most popular race leaders in the country. He has served his party faithfully and has waited long for the reward that should now be his. President Taft could make no appointment that would give a larger degree of satisfaction than that of Mr. Napier. The second selection said to be on the books is that of Mr. Albert S. White, Kentucky's favorite son. Like Mr. Napier, Mr. White has rendered yeoman service for his party, and up to this time has been meagerly recognized. It is conceded that his psychological moment has arrived, and it is probable that his fellow-citizens, ambitious as they may be, will give him a clear field for the plum that is to go, by general consent, to the Bluegrass State. Of the Southern Commonwealths seeking federal "pie," there is a feeling that Tennessee will have seats at the first table. Because of this, the argus eye of the race is focussed on Messrs. Napier and White.

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When the slate is made up Indiana must not be overlooked; and the same is true of Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, and perhaps other States. Most of these States have something to their credit in an official way ,but they have not enough. They have an abundance of excellent timber, and the fellows who have borne the burden in the heat of the day want a chance to bask in the limelight and draw salaries that will repay them for the time and money spent for the party for lo! these many years. Space will not permit a personal discussion of the merits of the various candidates. It may be safely said that none of them is over-modest. At the proper time they will be heard from, either in person or through their political backers. We shall have more to say of them as they appear above the surface. Ahe indications point to a lively winter season hereabouts. The travel toward Washington bids fair to be heavy.

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Hon. W. T. Vernon, Register of the Treasury, has returned from his western tour and is looking the picture of health. He greatly enjoyed his sojourn with old friends, and was glad to be able to assist that master mind and consecrated messenger of Christ, Bishop Abram Grant, than whom there is no better man living. The visits to the several conferences of the A. M. E. Church were invigorating to soul and body, and the Register expresses the keenest pleasure in noting the remarkable progress shown by the colored people in the matter of fine homes, beautiful churches, thriving business institutions and excellent schools filled with bright and aspiring children. Dr. Vernon takes a pardonable pride in speaking of his own great temple of learning, the Western University, and states that the enrollment this year will be close to five hundred—the institution's high-water mark. Mr. W. W. Fisher, the fiscal agent of the university, has been appointed postmaster in the postoffice recently established at the school, and the volume of business done is surprisingly large. The Register had nothing to say on politics, but the impression goes out that he is pretty well satisfied with the outlook, as far as his own fortunes are concerned, and that he will not let any grass grow under his feet when an opportunity is in sight to help his brethren.

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The Washington Sightseeing Automobile and Investment Company held an interesting public meeting Monday night at True Reformers' Hall. Chief W. R. Griffin, Messrs. J. W. Stockton, and others, delivered short addresses in favor of the erection of an ample garage on a nearby site, for the storage of their own machines and the care of those belonging to others; also for the establishment of a training school for the instruction of colored men as chauffeurs, a calling that is now open to the race, and which pays handsome salaries to efficient operators. From the rate at which stock is being sold, the garage will soon be a fact.

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The Brownsville Board is preparing to go to Brownsville, Texas, to look over the scene of the alleged riot, at which soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry are said to have been engaged. Testimony covering 7,000 pages has been carefully digested by the board, under the direction of Gen. S. B. M. Young (retired), and after the visit to Brownsville the hearings of the accused soldiers will be taken up. The 167 men are scattered about the country, but the Court and attorneys think they have the bulk of them in sight, and others will appear when the proceedings are under way. Some of the men have engaged counsel to represent them at the hearings, but this will not be necessary, if the soldier desires to avoid the expense. Fair play is promised, whether there is a lawyer in the court or not. Opinion is divided as to the number who will take advantage of the opportunity to re-enlist. Although popular interest has waned, a group of colored men will keep track of the proceedings, which will go on until next April, when the court's year of life will have expired. Each soldier will be required to prove his innocence, and show that he knew nothing of those who did participate in the alleged "shooting-up" of the town.

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Consul J. W. Johnson, of Nicaragua; Lieut. B. O. Davis, of the Tenth Cavalry, United States Army, and Rev. Ernest Lyon, Minister to Liberia, have been in town this week.

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Mrs. Julia Mason Layton has retired as District of Columbia deputy for the Order of St. Luke, and has been succeeded by Mrs. Bessie Anderson. Rev. A. C. Garner, pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, was made associate deputy. According to the ably prepared report of Mrs. Layton, St. Luke has thirty-two councils in tre District, representing a membership of about 2,500. In the States the order claims a total of 30,000 members, and a large amount of real estate is held by them. Mrs. Onderson announces that a campaign for an increase in membership here is to be inaugurated. The headquarters of the order is in Richmond, Va., where the president, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, conducts a bank and is the manager of a prosperous department store, owned by the St. Lukes.

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Last Monday evening, at the corner of Seventh and Florida, Prof. Kelly Miller, of Howard University, was placed under arrest by a bumptious policeman, of the type Major Sylvester is trying his level-best to get rid of. The circumstances, briefly stated, are these: The policeman was dragging a colored woman across the street, apparently making no effort to save her from bruises or exposure. Prof. Miller, believing the woman to be sick, and thinking he might offer some service to the officer, came forward and proffered his assistance. The offer was rejected, and the surly policeman continued to drag the woman toward the patrol-box, Prof. Miller following and protesting that he had a right to inquire and to take a hand if he could help anyone who was in trouble. The officer, whose name is Sykes, threatened to lock Prof. Miller up if he was still on hand when the patrol wagon came. The educator determined to see it out, remained, and when the wagon arrived, Sykes stated that Prof. Miller was under arrest. At the Eighth Precinct station the professor left collateral for his appearance, and departed for home. Engaging as his attorney Mr. A. A. Birney of the Howard University Law School, Prof. Miller went before Maj. Sylvester, explained the circumstances, and the case was immediately nol prossed. Officer Sykes was severely reprimanded, and the language used by the police chief was written in the records of the department. Prof. Miller declined to prosecute Sykes before the police trial board, and the case was dropped. The episode was almost a twin of that in which Mr. Robert Pelham figured some time ago, when he was arrested for alleged interference with an officer. Mr. Pelham was exonerated in the Polic Court, after a sensational trial, in which Senator William Alden Smith, of Michigan surprised everybody by appearing as Mr. Pelham's counsel. Jack Watts, the policeman in the case, was tried before the Trial Board, for conduct unbecoming an officer, was convicted, fined $20 and transferred from the electric lights of Fourteenth street to an outlying district. Within a year such well known colored men as former Register J. W. Lyons, Receiver of Public Moneys H. V. Cashin of Alabama, Craig Williams of New York, Robert Pelham and Prof. Kelly Miller have had trouble with bumptious policemen, and be it said to the credit of the department, in each instance the high officials have not minced words in condemning their unwarranted actions. Maj. Sylvester is trying to elevate the standard of police officers here, and has no sympathy with touts from Virginia and Maryland who sneak onto the force and use their uniforms as an excuse to vent their anti-Negro proclivities.

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Messrs. W. H. Clifford, of the Treasury Department, and Harry West, of the Capitol, have gone to their homes in Cleveland to assist in the mayoralty campaign.

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Miss Georgia A. Coleman, whose helpful labors in behalf of many benevolent and philanthropic movements entitle her to high praise, passed a splendid examination last week in domestic science, and has been appointed to a position as teacher of cooking in the public schools. Miss Coleman is earnest, painstaking and capable, and will prove to be a valuable addition to the District's teaching corps.

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Mr. John M. Coffey, who has been connected with the War Department for several months, has been appointed to a lucrative berth as meat inspector, as the result of a Civil Service examination, and has been assigned to Swift's packing house at Chicago. His duties consist in looking after the sanitation in the cutting, trimming, offal and tanking departments, and keeping track of the edible and inedible products, and seeing that they are properly tanked. Previous experience is standing him in good stead, and he is already making a record in his new calling. Mrs. Coffey, who is a bride, accompanied her husband to Chicago, and they are creating quite a favorable impression in the social life of the Windy City. They are fortunate in having as a chaperone that popular and ever-obliging Chicago pilot, Mr. Noah D. Thompson, of the United States Express Company.

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The Hiawatha Theater is doing all the business it can handle. Capacity houses at every performance continue to be the rule. T. Spencer Finley, with a brand-new bunch of funny sayings and a brand-new suit of clothes, is still the drawing-

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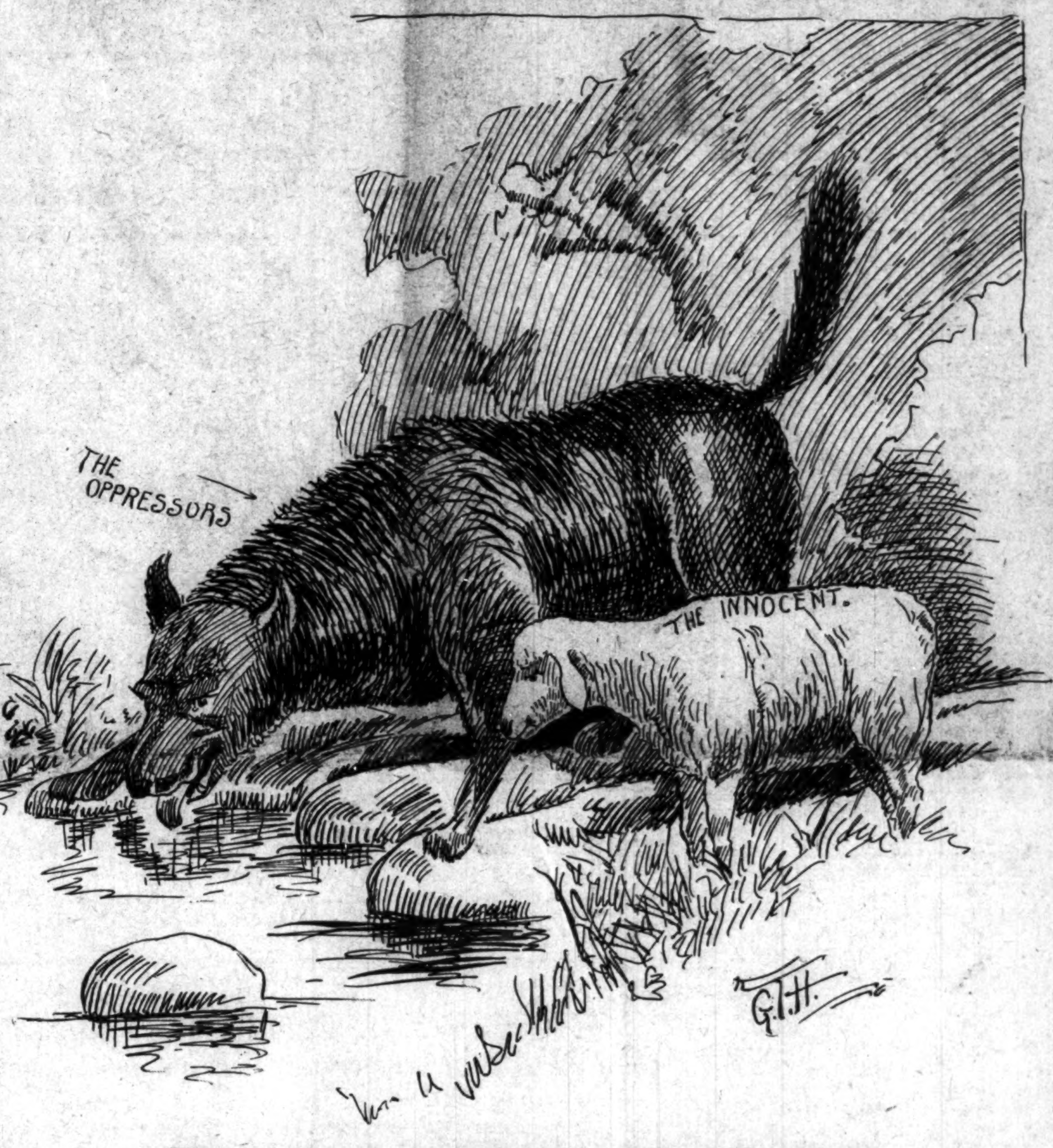
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EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

PROF. DITON GIVES PIANO RECITAL AT LOUISVILLE

READING CIRCLE ISSUES PROGRAM

For the Season—Rev. Parrish Has Begun Series of Lectures On Various Subjects—Football Team Organized.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 2.—Prof. Carl Rossini Diton, a pianist of Philadelphia, gave a recital last Thursday night at the Chestnut Street Methodist Church. In many respects it was the most appreciated musicale that has ever been given in this city. Representatives of all the musical organizations of the city were present, and, after the musicale, expressed themselves as being entirely satisfied with the numbers given by the young Mr. Diton.

Ahis musical event was given under the auspices of Prof. F. S. Delaney, principal of the Kentucky Institute for the Blind, and who has been instrumental in bringing to this city the most talented musicians of the country. The attendance was unusually large, although Mr. Bert Williams had been in the city three nights before. Mr. Diton's first number, sonata, "Waldstein's" (Beethoven), gave evidence that he was a talented and trained artist, and from the shading, touch and colora-ure given this selection, he went up higher in the estimation of the large number of music lovers present. His "Funeral March" (Chopin) was given with exceedingly fine technique and brought forth a great deal of applause.

Prof. Diton also played with skill and precision "Spring Song" (Mendelssohn), and "Melody in F" (Rubenstein).

Many in the audience deeply appreciated "Steal Away, I'm Troubled in Mind" (S. Coleridge Taylor), with variations. His closing numbers, "Little Bird" (Grieg), "Song Without Words" (Tchaikowski), and "Fantasie" were most highly enjoyed and the pianist responded with repeated encores.

Prof. Diton was assisted by Mesdames Lucy Porter, Musadora Anderson, Miss Lauretta Anderson, Messrs. George Hampton and A. R. Wilhoite.

Prof. Diton was given a splendid ovation, and Louisville music lovers are greatly indebted to him and to Prof. F. S. Delaney.

Prof. Diton expects to make a number of other points in this section, including Lexington, Frankfort and Cairo, and we bespeak for him our highest endorsement. Any admirer of music will do well to hear him at any cost.

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The following program was issued this week by Miss S. B. Alexander, president of the Banner Reading Circle:

November 8. The American Writers of the Early Nineteenth Century, with an outline of the course for the year, Miss S. B. Alexander. Concluding reading from Tennyson's "Maud."

November 22. The Holy Grail Legend as Treated in Literature, Mrs. R. D. Harris. Reading from "Vision of Sir Lamfaul."

December 13. The Abolition poetry of Lowell and Whittier, Mr. J. E. Givens. Readings from "Biglow Papers" and "Massachusetts to Virginia."

January —. Lowell as Editor and Critic, Miss Scottia P. Davis. Readings from "Among My Books," My Study Fire," "Democracy."

January —. Whittier, the Quaker Poet, Mrs. E. E. Meyzeek. Reading from "Snowbound" and later religious poems.

February —. The Style and Charms of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Miss Pearl Amelia Whit. Reading from "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table."

February —. Holmes, Hawthorne and Poe in Aheir Treatment of the Mystical, Mr. C. W. Houser. Reading from "Scarlet Letter" and "House of Seven Gables."

March —. The Prose and the Later Poems of Longfellow, Miss Carrie Alexander. Reading from "Spanish Student" and "Courtship of Miles Standish."

March —. An American Philosopher, Mrs. A. E. Meyzeek. Reading from "Conduct of Life."

April —. Emerson as an Expression of the Spirit of Unrest and Revolt from the Earlier New England Theology and Thought, Mr. J. C. Anderson. Reading from "Culture" and "Nature."

April —. Bryant and Thoreau as Exponents of the Realistic School and the First American Nature Writers, Miss Dora Maxwell. Reading from "Thanatopsis" and "Walden."

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W. C. F. Mason, one of the oldest business men of the city, is now getting a move on himself and letting some of his change go in the way of building. He has decided to use his residence for a business house and it is now completely tor down and a handsome new building will be erected for a business store. With the Douglass building, Aom Coles' business house and flats and the Warner Maeson new building, the Negroes can point with pride to business enterprises of their own. There are others here who have the money to do likewise, but they are likely to grow grey before they will invest. Mr. Cole is given the credit for setting the pace along this line recently. He has young blood and full of business.

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Mr. Isaiah Mitchem, of Corydon, Ind., came to this city Monday and brought with him some of the finest vegetables and apples that are raised in the state. He gave us samples of the largest apples that were raised in his county. Mr. Mitchem was the gentleman that presented Dr. Booker T. Washington a basket of large, red, juicy peaches during the sitting of the National Negro Business League. Mr. Mitchem owns his own farm and had 2,600 bearing apple trees and 1,800 peach trees. Wine sap, Romanites and York Imperials are the apples that took premiums at the Kentuck State Fair and the Louisville Colored Fair.

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The Rev. C. H. Parrish, pastor of the

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TWO CANDIDATES

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by HAROLD MACGRATH

AUTHOR of THE MAN ON THE BOX, HEARTS & MASKS

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CHAPTER I.

To begin with, I am going to call things by their real names. At first glance this statement will give you a shiver of terror, that is, if you happen to be a maiden lady or a gentleman with reversible cuffs. But your shivers will be without reason. Prue may read, and modest Prue's mamma; for it isn't going to be a naughty story; on the contrary, grandma's spring medicines are less harmless. Yet there is a parable to expound and a moral to point out; but I shall leave these to your own discernment.

It has always appealed to me as rather a silly custom on the storyteller's part to invent names for the two great political parties of the United States; and for my part, I am going to call a Democrat a Democrat and a Republican a Republican, because these titles are not so hallowed in our time as to be disguised in print and uttered in a bated breath. There is fortunately no lese-majeste in America.

Men inclined toward the evil side of power will be found in all parties, and always have been. Unlike society, the middle class in politics usually contains all the evil elements. In politics the citizen becomes the lowest order, and the statesman the highest; and, thanks to the common sense of the race, these are largely honest and incorruptible. When these become disintegrated, a republic falls.

Being a journalist and a philosopher, I look upon both parties with tolerant contempt. The very nearness of some things disillusions us; and I have found that only one illusion remains to the newspaper man, and that is that some day he'll get out of the newspaper business. I vote as I please, though the family does not know this. The mother is a Republican and so is the grandmother; and, loving peace in the house, I dub myself a Republican till that moment when I enter the voting booth. Then I become an individual who votes as his common-sense directs.

The influence of woman in politics is no inconsiderable matter. The great statesman may flatter himself that his greatness is due to his oratorical powers; but his destiny is often decided at the breakfast table. Why four-fifths of the women lean toward Republicanism is something no mere historian can analyze.

In my town politics had an evil odor. For six years a Democrat had been mayor, and for six years the town had been plundered. For six years the Republicans had striven, with might and main, to regain the power . . . and the right to plunder. It did not matter which party ruled, graft (let us omit the quotation marks) was the tocsin. The citizens were robbed, openly or covertly, according to the policy of the party in office. There was no independent paper in town; so, from one month's end to the other it was leaded editorial vituperation. Then Caliban revolted. An independent party was about to be formed.

The two bosses, however, were equal to the occasion. They immediately hustled around and secured as candidates for the mayoralty two prominent young men whose honesty and integrity were unimpeachable. Caliban, as is his habit, sheathed his sword and went back to his bench, his desk or whatever his occupation was.

On the Republican side they nominated a rich young club man. Now, as you will readily agree, it is always written large on the political banner that a man who is rich has no incentive to become a grafter. The public is ever willing to trust its funds to a millionaire. The Democrats, with equal cunning, brought forward a brilliant young attorney, whose income was rather moderate but whose ability and promise were great. The Democratic organs hailed his nomination with delight.

"We want one of the people to represent us, not one of the privileged class." You see, there happened to be no rich young Democrat available.

These two candidates were close personal friends. They had been chums from boyhood and had been graduated from the same college. They belonged to the same clubs, and were acknowledged to be the best horsemen in town. As to social prominence, neither had any advantage over the other, save in the eyes of matrons who possessed marriageable (and extravagant) daughters. Williard, the Republican nominee, was a handsome chap, liberal-minded and generous-hearted, without a personal enemy in the world. I recollect only one fault; he loved the world a little too well. The opposition organs, during the heat of the campaign, dropped vague hints regarding dinners to singers and actresses and large stakes in poker games. Newcomb, his opponent, was not handsome, but he had a fine, clean-cut, manly face, an intrepid eye, a resolute mouth, and a tremendous ambition. He lived well within his income, the highest recommendation that may be paid to a young man of these days.

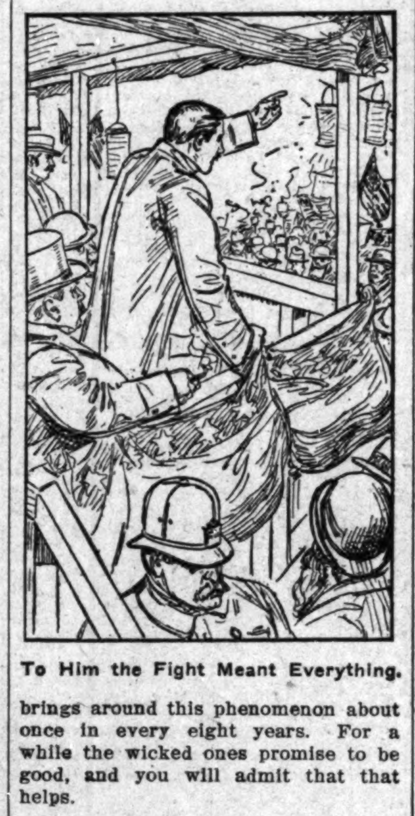
He threw himself into the fight with all the ardor of which his nature was capable; whereas Williard was content to let the machine direct his movements. The truth is, Williard was indifferent whether he became mayor or not. To him the conflict was a diversion, a new fish to Lucullus; and when the Democratic organs wrote scathing editorials about what they termed his profligate career, he would laugh and exhibit the articles at the club. It was all a huge joke. He made very few speeches, and at no time could he be forced into the foreign districts. He complained that his olfactory nerve was too delicately educated. The leaders swallowed their rancor; there was nothing else for them to do. In Williard's very lack of ambition lay his strength. Poverty would have made a great man out of him; but riches have a peculiar way of numbing the appreciation of the greater and simpler things in life.

Newcomb went everywhere; the Poles hurrahed for him, the Germans, the Irish, the Huns and the Italians. And he made no promises which he did not honestly intend to fulfil. To him the fight meant everything; it meant fame and honor, a comfortable addition to his income, and Washington as a finalty. He would purify the Democrats while he annihilated the pretensions of the Republicans. He was what historians call an active dreamer, a man who dreams and then goes forth to accomplish things. His personality was engaging.

Besides all this (for the secret must be told) Newcomb was in love and wished to have all these things to lay at the feet of his beloved, even if she returned them. You will regularly find it to be true that the single man is far more ambitious than his married brother. The latter invariably turns over the contract to his wife.

Williard was deeply in love, too, with Senator Gordon's lovely daughter, and Senator Gordon was that mysterious power which directed the Republican forces in his section of the state. So you may readily believe that Newcomb was forced to put up a better fight than Williard, who stood high in Senator Gordon's favor. The girl and the two young men had been friends since childhood, and nobody knew whether she cared for either of them in the way they desired. Everybody in town, who was anybody, understood the situation; and everybody felt confident that Williard was most likely to win. The girl never said anything, even to her intimate friends; but when the subject was brought up, she smiled in a way that dismissed it.

Such was the political situation at the beginning of the municipal campaign. There have been like situations in any number of cities which boast of one hundred thousand inhabitants or more; pehaps in your town, and yours, and yours. That bugaboo of the politician, reform, brings around this phenomenon about once in every eight years. For a while the wicked ones promise to be good, and you will admit that that helps.



To Him the Fight Meant Everything.

It was amusing to follow the newspapers. They vilified each other, ripped to shreds the character of each candidate, recalled boyhood escapades and magnified them into frightful crimes, and declared in turn that the opposition boss should land in the penitentiary if it took all the type in the composing rooms to do it. What always strikes me as odd is that, laughter-loving people that we are, nobody laughs during these foolish periods. Instead, everybody goes about, straining his conscience and warping his common-sense into believing these flimsy campaign lies, these outrageous political roorbacks.

When Williard and Newcomb met at the club, at the Saturday-night luncheons, they avoided each other tactfully, each secretly longing to grasp the other's hand and say: "Don't believe a word of it, old boy; it's all tommyrot." But policy held them at arm's length. What would the voters say if they heard that their respective candidates were hobnobbing at a private club? Newcomb played billiards in the basement while Williard played a rubber at whist upstairs; and the Saturday rides out to the country club became obsolete. Only a few cynics saw the droll side of the situation; and they were confident that when the election was over the friendship would be renewed all the more strongly for the tension.

One night, some weeks before the election, Williard dined alone with the senator at the Gordon home. Betty Gordon was dining elsewhere. With the cognac and cigars, the senator drew out a slip of paper, scrutinized it for a space, then handed it to his protege.

"That's the slate. How do you like it?"

Williard ran his glance up and down the columns. Once he frowned.

"What's the matter?" asked the senator, shrewdly.

"I do not like the idea of Matthews for commissioner of public works. He's a blackleg—there's no getting around that. He practically runs that faro-bank above his downtown saloon. Can't you put some one else in his place?"

The senator flipped the ash from the end of his cigar.

"Honestly, my boy, I agree with your objection; but the word is given, and if we turn him down now, your friend Newcomb will stand a pretty fair show of being the next mayor."

"You might get a worse one," Williard laughed. "Jack is one of the finest fellows in the world," loyally.

"Not a bit of doubt; but politically," said the senator, laughing, "he is a rascal, a man without a particle of character, and all that. But personally speaking, I would that this town had more like him. Win or lose, he will always be welcome in this house. But this Matthews matter; you will have to swallow him or be swallowed."

"He's a rascal."

"Perhaps he is. Once you are elected, however, you can force him out, and be hanged to him. Just now it would be extremely dangerous. My boy, politics has strange bed-fellows, as the saying goes. These men are necessary; to fight them is to cut your own throat. No one knows just how they get their power; but one morning you will wake up and find them menacing you, and you have to placate them and toss them sops."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

BALTIMORE, MD.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dr. Ernest Lyon, United States Minister to Liberia, who is in this country on a furlough, was tendered a reception and banquet at John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, Wednesday of last week. Addresses commending Minister Lyon's diplomatic services were delivered by Rev. M. J. Naylor, Heber E. Wharton, City Councilman Harry S. Cummings, W. Ashbie Hawkins and Collector W. F. Stone, the sergeant-at-arms of the Republican National Convention. Dr. Lyon in a well received address told of conditions in Liberia, which he said were encouraging. He paid his respects to the State Department Thursday, and left Friday for a visit to Tuskegee Institute and Gammon Theological Seminary.

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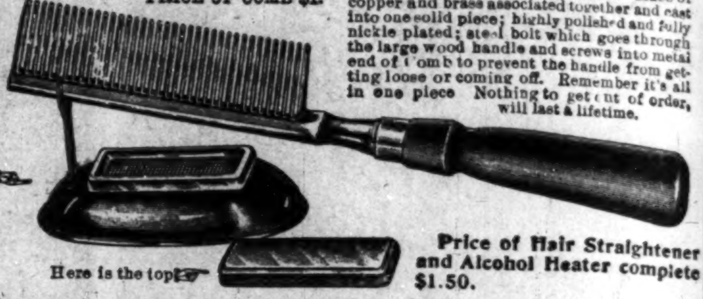

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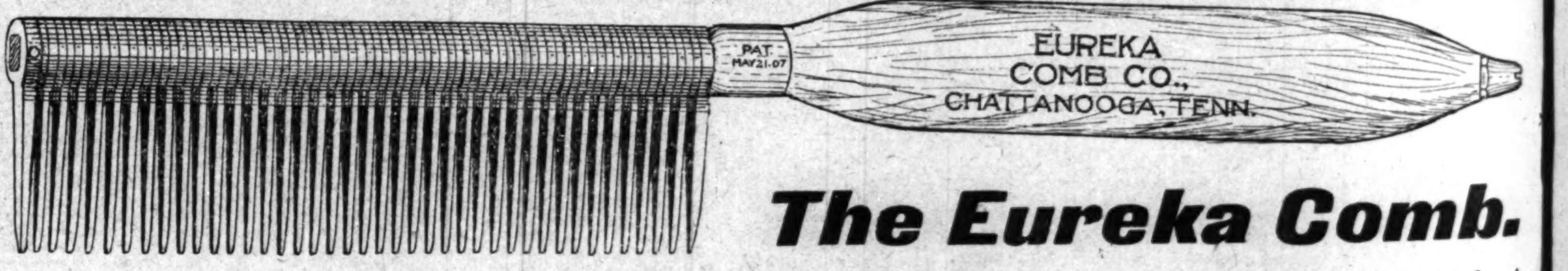

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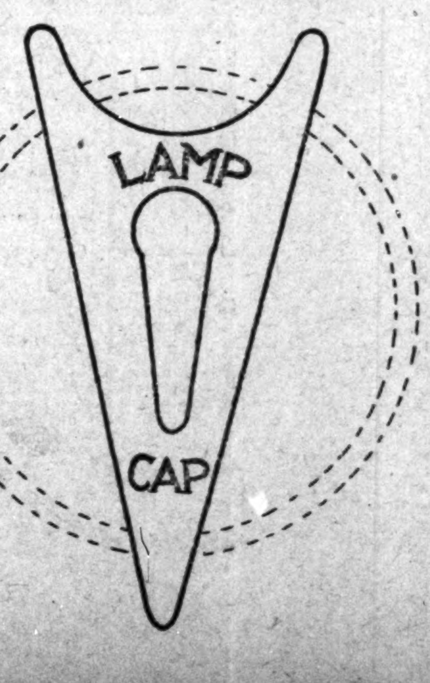

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General News

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Clara Moore, of Pittsfield, Ill., and her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Davis, of Canton, Ill., are visiting Mrs. Daniel Tinsley, of South Hardin avenue, and Rev. Mrs. W. W. Goff, of Washington street....Mr. Samuel Bolden, of 325 West Anna street, is on the sick list this week....Miss Jessie Britt, who has been very ill, does not seem to improve much....Miss Margaret Lucy Smith and Mr. A. Richard R. Thornton, both of this city, were married recently at the residence of the bride by Rev. J. Mason. Both are very industrious young people, and have the best wishes for success in life by the whole community....The little child of Mrs. Lewis Jackson was burned very bad recently....Mrs. Bassette and daughter Cassie and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bassette and Harry Bassette are residing about seven miles east of town....On Thursday night, October 28, Rev. Goff celebrated his twenty-eighth birthday at his home, on Washington street. A very pleasant surprise was that planned on Rev. Goff. About twenty-five were present. Mr. Gordon's company won the first prize in the bean contest. Mr. Eugene Hayden won the prize in the peanut contest. Rev. Goff received many nice presents. Among the out-of-town guests present were Mrs. Clara Moore, of Pittsfield, Ill., and her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Davis, of Canton, Ill....The entertainment given Ocetober 19 at the Mt. Emery Baptist Church by Rev. J. E. Burton was largely attended and a good success. Bible scenes in moving pictures were shown....Mrs. Lucy Jackson and Mr. Mack Allen are still very ill....Cahrley Lewis, of Pittsfield, Ill., is in the city visiting friends....Mr. Lewis Jackson made a flying trip recently to Lidonia, Mo....The Friday Art Club was royally entertained recently at Mrs. Benjamin Brown's, 212 East Chamber street. Mrs. Clara Moore, of Pittsfield, Ill., and Mrs. Nina Moore Davis, of Canton, Ill., were the guests at the club. Mrs. M. C. Clark will entertain the club October 29....Rev. E. M. Harlis has returned home from the National Christian Convention in Pittsburg, Pa. He brought with him many souvenirs. While there he preached an able sermon at the Bethel A. M. E. Church, corner of Wild and Elf avenue. He preached to a large audience.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. T. J. Williams, of St. Clair, has returned from a visit to Montreal, Can....Mr. Madison Jackson recently bought a residence in Prospect Park, an aristocratic suburb of Minneapolis, but when Mr. W. H. Simpson bought a lot the other day and started preparations for a residence that will cost in the neighborhood of $4,000, the white neighbors of that vicinity met in numbers of about 300 and drew up resolutions telling Mr. Simpson that his presence was not wanted. Mr. Simpson retorted that he was not seeking social equality, and did not intend to speak to any of them, and did not want any of them to speak to him. Last Tuesday there was a mass meeting called at the Prospect Park Methodist Church to talk over the advisability of buying the property owned by the two colored gentlemen. ....Prof. Albert E. Jenks, professor of sociology at the State University of Minnesota, has reiterated his statement of a year ago, by saying that the Negro must intermarry with the whites, and where the laws are more drastic is where the most of the intermingling is going on. He concluded by asking his audience of cultured men and women of his race if there were any white women in the audience who were contemplating marrying Negroes. So we see, while some advocate segregation, others advocate intermarriage....Rev. W. D. Carter will preach his farewell sermon at Pilgrim Baptist Church on Sunday, October 31. Mrs. R. C. Minor, together with the choir, has prepared special music for the occasion. Rev. Carter signed a contract last January to become financial secretary of a college in St. Joseph, Mo....Last Sunday night Dr. Cook, who says he discovered the North Pole, spake at the Auditorium to a packed house....The ladies of Pilgrim Baptist Church held their annual fair October 25-30. The affair was a financial success as well as a good time was had...."The Holy Rollers" are still holding their meetings on Rice street. Mr. Joseph Davis, who has chosen to call himself "the man of God," presides....Mr. Harry Brown has bought a half interest in the Busy Corner, which was formerly run by Mr. J. H. Robinson....Lawyer John Irvine was a visitor in St. Paul last week. Mr. Irvine was a former resident of this city, but now of Duluth, where he has a large clientage....Tell your f riends to buy copies of THE FREEMAN from Henry Crawford, 326 Farrington avenue.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. J. B. Barbour, of Vancouver, held erligious services in the Loyal Legion headquarters last Sunday, and will continue to hold them every Sunday at 3 p. m. All are invited....The Church of God will hold their gospel meetings at night in the Loval Legion headquarters, instead of at McCauley and Kinistino....Rev. J. B. Barbour and wife have taken up their residence in Fred Houston's house, 418 Kinistino avenue....S. B. Kirk, who has been in the city for the last fortnight, and recently suffering from a sever cold, was taken to the General Hospital last week with a severe attack of pneumonia. His wife, who is sick on their homestead at Paddle River, was sent for....Mrs. Johnson, of San Antonio, Tex., has joined her husband here....Slight flurries of snow fell on Tuesday, the 19th, which was the first snow of the season, but did not amount to much. At present the weather is ideal....On Monday night, the 18th, William Jennings Bryan lectured before three thousand people of all nationalities and races on "The Prince of Peace," in the Thistle Rink. Mr. Bryan came under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., and that his presence was appreciated was evinced in the "turnout" at his lecture....John Hodge appeared at the Empire Theater with his two wrestling ponies, Madison and Banner. Mr. Hodge and his ponies were a show by themselves....Gus Hall, of the Black Patti Troubadours, writes from Greenville, Tex., and sends regards to all he met while in the city last summer. He is at New Orleans from the 1st to the 7th of next month....Monday, the 25th, was Thanksgiving day. Quite early for Thanksgiving to the Americans, but I guess they ate just as much as if it had been later....Leave all news matter, advertisements, subscriptions, changes of address or any complaint of not receiving THE FREEMAN, etc., with Clifford C. Mitchell, the Edmonton correspondent. Call 240 Jasper avenue East, phone 1637, or address P. O. Box 845.

MOBILE, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

Dr. A. N. McEwen, who has been confined to his bed for the past month, has slightly improved at this writing....Rev. K. D. Watkins, pastor of Stone Street Church, has remodeled the church parsonage. It ihas added quite a great deal to the appearance of the property....Mlle. Rosetta has a very good company of merry makers at Lagman's Hall. Charley Lipcomb, the musical artist and comedian, has made quite a hit with the patrons, while O'd Jolly Mills is there with the goods. Ernest Goode, the local amateur boxer, gave a very good exhibition of sparring with Van Delmore, his manager, Tuesday evening at the Octogon Club....Mr. J. L. Tribune returned from Chicago last Sunday....Rev. D. J. Flynn, formerly of this city, but now of Charlotte, N. C., has been assisting Rev. Snell, pastor of the Congregational Church, in a series of meetings....Mr. Jerry Tyson has just returned from the Hudson-Fulton celebration in New York....Mr. Pool has been appointed secretary of the Y. M. C. A. by the headquarters of the Association....Dr. E. Manard Smith, principal of the Emerson Institute, lectured last Sunday afternoon to the Association. He is a very pleasing talker.

MARION, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Quarterly meeting will be observed at Bethel Church Sunday. This will be the first of this conference, with Rev. Shaffer in charge....J. H. Weaver, th emerchant at Weaver, was in the city Thursday on business....David Smith is home from Chicago, where he was called by the illness of his son, Porter Smith....Mrs. John Robison, of East Second street, is on the sick list....Mrs. Mahala Weaver is ill at her residence, on South Florence street....Rev. Marks, of Indianapolis, occupied the pulpit at the Second Baptist Church Sunday, and a large congregation was present at both services to listen to this able orator....Mrs. Edward Waters and children have returned to their home in Dayton, having been called here by the death of her father, Columbus Stewart...Edward Tandy, one of the popular waiters of the Spencer House, has gone to Louisville, being called there by the illness of his mother....The Sorosis Club was entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Frank Gill at her residence, on South George street....The Eurydice Club was entertained Wednesday by Mrs. J. M. Dyson at her residence, on South Adams street.

THE NATIONAL NEGRO EXPOSITION.

It will be recalled that at the recent meeting of the National Negro Business League in Louisville, the following resolution, among others, was passed:

"Since the year 1913 will mark the close of a half century since the promulgation of the Emancipation Proclamation, we recommend that a committee, of which the President of this League shall be Chairman, be appointed at once to take into consideration a National Negro Exposition, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of freedom, its location, scope, and financing."

In carrying out the spirit and purpose of this resolution, Dr. Booker T. Washington, President of the National Negro Business League, has appointed to serve on this committee the following persons:

Mr. E. L. Blackshear, principal Prairie View State Normal School, Prairie View, Texas.

Dr. C. T. Walker, president Walker Baptist College, Augusta, Ga.

Major R. R. Moton, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.

Others to constitute members of this committee will be announced at an early date. It is understood that the committee will have a meeting at some central point within the next few days.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

On November 18 there will be a ladies' silver medal contest given at the A. M. E. Church, in which five of the most prominent ladies of our city will take part. The contest will be in charge of Madam F. E. Preston....We are pleased to note that at the Harvest Home Festival held at the A. M. E. Church last Tuesday evening the Juvenile Quartette, composed of Clifford Marshall, Alonzo Miller, Harry Evans and Perry Marshall, did themselves great honor by rendering a few of their best selections. We only wish that there were more young people who could do as well....The Willing Workers and Preacher's Aid societies will give a fair at the A. M. E. Church on December 7 and 8....On October 2 occurred the death of Mr. Frank E. Clark in Ottumwa, Iowa, aged forty-eight years. He leaves to mourn his death many friends and two sisters, of this city, Mrs. John Gaines and Mrs. S. Chase. He was formerly a resident of this city....Mrs. Ella Lewis, of Marshall, Mich., has returned home, after a week's visit in this city with her daughter, Mrs. S. L. Henderson....The Preacher's Aid Society was entertained at the home of Mrs. D. Burns last Thursday....Mr. R. Woods, of Schoolcraft, Mich., Sundayed with his sister, Mrs. Ralph Burton....Mrs. M. Connor is spending a few days at her old home in Cassopolis, Mich....The members of the Second Baptist Church are preparing for a Thanksgiving dinner.

FRENCH LICK, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Following guests registered at the Guthrie House: Mrs. L. Jones, of Chicago (returned home after a stay of five weeks); Mr. Ed Gaither, of Cincinnati; Mrs. Mayor Q. Frieson and Mr. and Mrs. William Lawson, of Louisville....The Willing Workers gave a successful Hallowe'en entertainment at K. of P. Hall, Thursday evening, for the benefit of West Baden Baptist Church....Mrs. John L. Thomas and son are in Louisville for a few days....Mr. Reed, of the Cincinnati Metropolitan Secret Service, and Mr. Williams, of Chicago, have returned home, after a stay of ten days....Rec. C. W. Sims has returned from Georgia, where he was called by the fatal illness of his father....Mrs. George L. Smith served luncheon at her residence for the benefit of West Baden Baptist Church....Mr. Erbin Slye spent a few days at his home in New Albany....Mr. Alonzo Miller and Mr. John Babbage have left for school in Urbana and Wilberforce, Ohio, respectively....Mrs. Augustus Brown spent Sunday in Louisville.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

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Mr. Bert A. Williams, of Williams and Walker Company, will be in the city the 10th of next month in a new musical show entitled "Mr. Lode of Koal," which will be played at the Lyric Theater. Mr. Williams' song hits are "That's a Plenty," "The Christening" and "My Ole Man."...Rev. Carter, of Ripley, Ohio, who has been called as pastor of the Bethesda Baptist Church of this city, has arrived. Rev. Carter's family will arrive in a few weeks and will make their home on Eleventh avenue, South, near Eighth street....The Hallowe'en party given by the ladies of the Buliding Club of St. Thomas Mission, at Dearborn Hall last Thursday evening, was quite a nice affair. The music was furnished by Mrs. McCullough's orchestra. ....Mrs. M. J. Wallace, of Hot Springs, Ark., who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilson for nearly a week, left the city for Chicago, Ill., the latter part of the week.

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The oldest retaurant in our city is owned by Mr. James Hunter. He has everything in good shape....The public school opened here on the 18th, and Prof. Veasy is the teacher. He was raised here, but had no father and mother to care for him. He washed dishes and waited on Mrs. Dora McDaniel for years, and worked at a number of other places. It seems that an orphan boy or girl makes the highest mark in life....A large number went to Tyler on the 28th to see the big show, Ringling Brothers....Mr. Charlie Maxwell raised 350 bushels of corn and 19 bales of cotton this year. This is more than any one in the county did for a family of only five.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS.

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Mr. E. W. Whaley is on the sick list, suffering with lagrippe....Mrs. Mattie Eubanks is on the sick list....Mrs. Okolona Wallick, sister of Mrs. Carthue Brookes, passed through our city, en route to Missouri from Dallas, Tex....Rev. W. J. King, Dud Spencer, Frank Pace and Sidney Daniel were initiated into the mysteries of the Masonic Lodge last week....Rev. W. J. King, pastor of the M. E. Church of this city, is a young man with a future who will walk in the footprints of some of the great pulpit orators whose intellects have startled the world. Rev. King is one of the most learned men of our State.

ELGIN, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

Louis Andrews and Miss Bernice Archer, of Springfield, visited friends here over Sunday. Mr. Andrews is employed at the State Capitol....Mrs. D. A. Dishman has gone West to join her husband....Samuel Hill, at one time reputed to be worth $30,000, died last Wednesday. He was one of Elgin's pioneers....Miss Hester Smith is on the sick list.

PEORIA, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Fields, of Oklahoma, were in the city a few days last week, the guests of the former's parents, Mr. Stanton Fields, 201 North Elizabeth street....Miss Carrie E. Hall, of Washington, D. C., is in the city on her month's vacation, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gibson.

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Forty-five rounds. Huh! They might have left it blank at this point.

The President is still receiving the applause of the people in the Southland.

Well, we are glad enough that it is all over. Never heard of so much brewery.

Don't forget that this is turkey month. Bear in mind that the turkey is no cheap bird—begin now to save up your money.

Now comes the proposition for a $175,000 home for the Eighth Regiment of Illinois. It is needless to say that Chicago will have the palatial armory.

In a few more "sleeps" we will be right in our North Pole vicinity, approaching our North Pole, which will heave in sight some time in January, and without fail.

Booker T. Washington thinks that the 3,500 Negro physicians in this country should be doubled. Just let him wait a while, and his dream will be more than realized.

Henson, the Negro who stood with Peary at the North Pole, is getting his share of honors. He recently received a gold watch, incrusted with diamonds, from New York admirers.

There is no necessity for a game that maims and kills, and that's what football does. The theory is that the glory is everlastingly more than broken bones and a few killed. Oh, the viciousness of it!

The arresting of Prof. Kelley Miller was an unfortunate occurrence last week at Washington, D. C. It was through a misunderstanding; and of course he was immediately released and the case dismissed.

The year 1913 seems to have the call for a great demonstrative exposition by the American Negroes. All so well and good, but bear in mind the three-hundredth anniversary of the arrival on the soil—it also stands for something.

It now begins to look as if Johnson and Jeffries will get together for that long-promised fight. After more or less bantering, the two men signed up articles of meeting. Where "the greatest show on earth" will be pulled off is still an open question.

The Freeman notes that Dr. Major, of Chicago, is yet a candidate for the position of Assistant Register of the Treasury, and that he wishes it understood that he has not authorized the withdrawal of his name. The Freeman hopes the Doctor success in event a new man is to be named.

"Maryland, O My Maryland," is not having such an easy time of it right along here. The natives have locked horns over the new constitutional amendment, which has for its purpose the disfranchising the Negro voters. The President said "it were a shame," but men are no less daunted in its perpetration.

It doesn't sound well to speak of the fiftieth anniversary of John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry, and yet that is what is being seen in print. The memory of Brown should ever be, owing to his intent—never on account of the act itself. The intent was for the liberty of the race; not different to the intent of Garrison, Lovejoy, Phillips, Douglass, Whittier. There is a difference, and which must be observed if we are careful of the proprieties.

We are in recept of the annual report of Dr. Booker T. Washington to the trustees of Tuskegee Institute, which is replete with information of the workings of that great institution. Among the additions to the plant are the new dining hall, the agricultural building, a water works system from artesian wells which will give abundant supply of pure water and has materially increased the healthfulness of the institution. The cost of the present plant is $17,333.17. Total current expenses, $258,735.08. The attendance for the past year was 1,494 students and 167 officers and teachers. The wholesome influence of the school is manifest in improving the everyday life of the people in the vicinity and the hosts of trained young men and women to strengthen the world's working forces.—The Educator.

The Birmingham Reporter must be having some memorable experiences. In a recent discussion of Jim Crowism it took a pronounced stand for that species of Americanism that is not generally admired. It stated reasons, however, among which was the disposition to prefer the concerns of white people above similar concerns by colored people. It said in part:

"Let the white man in his social affairs alone, and only concern yourself when you are affected from a point of business. We find that the Negro's affection for the white man's association is too great, and it will not do for him to dispose of his feelings as he would like. We ask that the Negro be jim-crowed, and if in our power, we would assist any legislature to make it more perpetual than it seems now to be. In some things, instead of being jim-crowed, he should be annihilated in such luxuries that profit the race nothing, but on the other hand work a hardship on him financially and morally."

It is to be hoped that the prayers of the Birmingham publication will not be fully answered. It is time enough that much more care be done by way of mutual aid, especially when much of the money spent elsewhere is not greatly appreciated. Under the circumstances, it looks like a great opportunity to build up the race financially, and in the meanwhile win friendship of the white people—an unheard-of condition.

SHANK ELECTED MAYOR.

Samuel Lewis Shank will be the next mayor of Indianapolis, according to the choice of the voters last Tuesday. His plurality of something above 1,600 votes is somewhat less than what is expected when the vote is normal. The silght difference is to be explained through the efforts of Judge Alford, who received above 600 votes, most of which came from the Republican party. Then, too, according to Mr. Shank himself, he was not the ideal candidate to start out with. The attacks on him in the attempt to prove his inefficiency were vigorous and incessant. It is needless to say that they had some weight. But, as is so often the case, they proved helpful; looked much as a system of an unexpected kind to knock him down and count him out. The people wouldn't stand for so much.

Mr. Shank, however, owes his election mainly to his own personality, to his own efforts. His business has kept him in front of the people for many years, and in such a way that he learned the great secret of pleasing; not one individual and then another, as they might come in order, but crowds of individuals. His good nature went into this compound, making a most admirable mixture. In common language, he may be said to be blessed with horse sense; it is what is most generally said of him. Mr. Shank has long conducted a business and been successful. This fact was in his favor, assuring the business administration promised during the campaign. His record as recorder of Marion county was the greater reason of his success.

Mr. Shank left his office with a clean record as to the disposition of the people's money. This was at a time when considerable irregularity cropped out among the then municipal officers. The voters begun to look around for a man who could come clean as it concerned honesty, integrity and resolution to do the very best as the head of the municipal government. Samuel Lewis Shank was the man; not an individual of fine speech, nor elegant manners, it might be said, but stubbornly honest, doggedly determined, eminently respectable. He promised the various reforms demanded; to enlarge the city by way of civic pride, consistent with the best interests of the taxpayers. These promises, taken together with his rugged honesty, made a very strong combination.

Lew Shank grew on the people. We said at another time that his mouth was his chief asset. It is not quite the truth. His mouth served to advertise the man in a manner just like anything, even when good, must be advertised. His honesty, his simple single-mindedness to serve the people, were his chief assets. Last Tuesday the people decided it that way, and it is thought, in the best interest of the city. The vote was one of confidence in Lew Shank.

The whole Republican ticket was elected. The individuals are high-class men, who have given every reason for the belief that they will conduct their offices to the good of the citizens.

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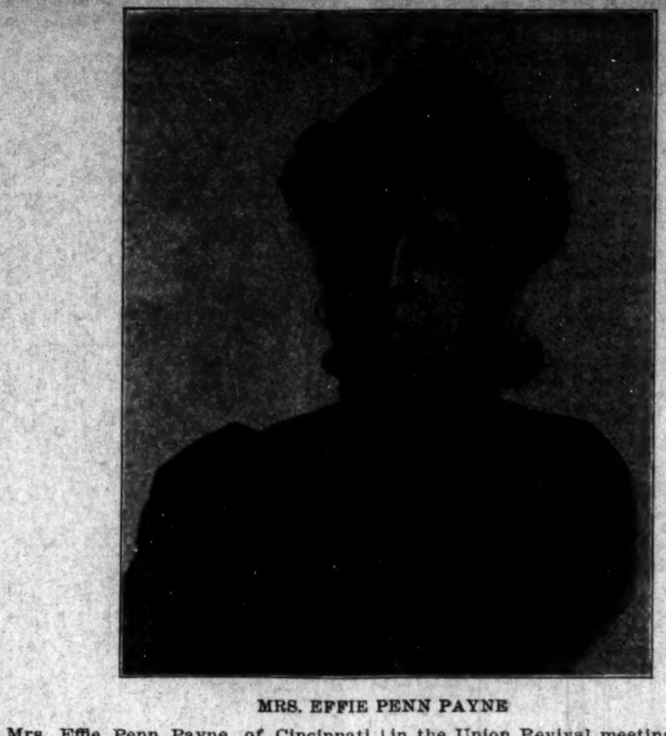
DULUTH, MINN.

The Adelphi Musical Club gave a concert and oyster supper at Kalamazoo Hall, Tuesday evening. A large crowd was in attendance and enjoyed the program, which was resplendent with musical gems....Mr. William Dawson, head waiter at the Spalding Hotel, returned Sunday from a two weeks' vacation spent in Kentucky and other eastern points. During Mr. Dawson's absence his place was filled by the old reliable "Clarence" Mason, who is now second at this up-to-date hostlery....St. Mark's A. M. E. Church Sunday school held its annual election Sunday, October 24, and elected the following officers for the ensuing years: Superintendent, Mr. W. McCullough; assistant superintendent, Miss Ethel Black; secretary, Mr. Harold Stokes; treasurer, Mrs. G. H. Adams; organist, Miss Helen Scott. The officers all belong to the younger element, and are determined to build up a good, healthy attedance. The hour for the Sunday school has been placed at 2:30 p. m. to accommodate those who have to work on the Sabbath....Mr. Fountain Maupins is new employed at the new Burrows building as elevator man....Mr. William Butts, who has been confined to his home with rheumatism for the past two weeks, is still unable to be about....Mr. George H. Adams has opened a barber shop for himself in West Duluth....Miss Eva Pettingill, who has been sick at her home, 617 Second avenue, east, is now convalescent....Miss Nancy Byrd has been very ill, and at this writing is still a very sick person. However, hopes for her early recovery are held out by the attending phyisician....The opening of St. Louis county's new million-dollar court house has awakened new interest among Duluth pseudo politicians, and a renewe effort will be made to place some deserving members of the race, as there will be a number of new places created, on account of the large proportions of this new edifice. Since the Negro Civic Political League died a-bornin', the work will probably be taken up by some of Duluth's leading Negroes, without political considerations. If there ever was a time when Duluth needed a central representative body outside of the church, lodges and politics, it is now, and as matters stand at present there is no doubt that a forward step will soon be taken from sheer necessity. A branch of the National Negro Business League seems to be the only organization qualified for the kind of work that is needed here, and when one is organized it will find a field of endeavor worthy of the best effort....Miss Lillian Perry, of Evanston, Ill., is visiting with her grandfather, Mr. J. N. Richey, of 115 East Fifteenth street. Miss Perry's visit will extend far into the present month, and perhaps longer....Subscriptions, renewals and notes for The Freeman in Duluth, Superior and the ranges should be sent to Mr. G. B. Kelley, 516 Cascade street, Duluth, representing The Freeman at the head of the lakes. On sale every Saturday.



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Mrs. Effie Penn Payne, of Cincinnati, has been leading the song services in the Union Revival meetings at Bethel A. M. E. Church the past few weeks.

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Jessie Palmer.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The Louisville Cubs have closed a very successful season in every respect. The loyal support of the fans and the league ball playing that the Cubs played are to be highly recommended. Manager Stringer is to be credited for Louisville's crack pjhalanx. His untiring effort to get together a fast team did not fail him. The Cubs said that their claws were always ready to draw blood, and they were. The Cubs held their own against al comers.

All of the boys will be back in the ranks next season. Stringer is looking for a new battery and it is expected that he will get several new palyers.

The benefit game Sunday was a success and the boys got a nice little "cloud of dust" for their pockets. Pugh leaves for his home in Atlanta, Ga., next week. Toney for Memphis, Tenn., Collins for Cincinnati, O., Booker for Chattanooga, Tenn., West, Martin, Briscoe, Watson and Walace will winter in Louisville.

THE "GAME KEEPER" ENTERTAINS.

Mr. George Abrams, active in politics and sporting events, and better known as the "Game Keeper," was in the right "pew" when Lew Shank crossed the wire a winner in the mayoralty contest Tuesday, and is still cashing checks, shaking hands, and having a real good time. Thursday night George invited his friends and co-workers to 462 West Fifteenth street to a shoat supper. Refreshments were served in "abundance," and the "Game Keeper" was crowned the prince of good fellows.

BALTIMORE, MD.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. G. T. Coates, train porter from Baltimore to Cincinnati, came home sick....Mr. Bert Williams' company passed through Baltimore on their way to New York on a special train and dining car....Quite a number of colored people from Washington, D. C., attended the Maryland Jockey Club race at the Pimlico track last week....The Portland Kids team, of Annapolis Junction, are arranging to meet all comers next spring. W. H. Nichelson, manager; Wilber Hebrom, captain.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Special to The Freeman.

Paul Wisdom, of Pittsburg, Pa., son of Emanuel and Kittie Wisdom, died Tuesday, October 26, and his remains were brought to Clarksville October 29 and buried from the residence on the 30th. ....The annual conference is being held at St. Peter's A. M. E. Church, beginning November 3 and closing Sunday night, November 7....James Wisdom, of Pittsburg, Pa., is in the city....The churches of the city are practicing, and a hundred voices are being prepared to receive Dr. Booker T. Washington, November 15, who will lecture here under the auspices of the Business Men's League....Mrs. Louise Cole and Mrs. Ann Proudy have been quite ill, but are now improving.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA.

Special to The Freeman.

Rev. Smith, of the Church of God, has left for the southern part of the Province in the interests of his church. Rev. Helm is in charge of the local body until Rev. Smith's return....There is a rumor around town that Rev. Barbour is about to start in the express business. ....Billy Morrison, of Morrison and Washington, writes from Langham and sends regards to all. He has withdrawn from the Alabama Warblers....Jack Oliver sends his regards to all. He plays in San Francisco week of the 14th....H. R. Taylor, of Independence, was in the city last week on business....Marion Lawrence, the great Sunday school worker of Chicago, spoke to five thousand people in the Thistle Rink on the 28th and 29th. Mr. Lawrence spoke along the line of the Sunday school and its work. He was greeted with a much larger crowd than Bryan....Mrs. Pierson, who was sick last week, is much better at this writing....S. B. Kirk is improving rapidly. ....Arthur Jones writes from Lashburn and tells of a narrow escape he had from having his arm broken in being thrown into the air by the drive belt on the threshing machine which he was firing. He sends his regards to all, and says he will be here in a few weeks...All should attend the gospel services being held every Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. in the Loyal Legion headquarters. The meetings are in charge of Rev. J. B. Barbour. ....Several local parties are contemplating giving a drama at some near future date. Definite arrangements will be announced soon....Leave all news matter, advertisements, subscriptions, changes of address, or any complaint of not receiving The Freeman, etc., with Clifford C. Mitchell, the Edmonton correspondent. Call 240 Jasper avenue East, 'phone 1637, or address P. O. Box 845.

PENSACOLA, FLA.

Special to The Freeman.

The many friends of Mrs. Lawrence Pons, of West Belmont street, will be pleased to know that she is much better. ....The postal card party given at the parsonage of Big Zion Church last Wednesday night by Mrs. T. R. Gaines and M. E. Thomas, was quite a success. ....Mr. Teno Lucas was called home from St. Louis, Mo., on account of the sade death of his mother....The annual conference of M. E. Zion churches of West Florida is being held this week at Muscogee, Fla., under Bishop G. W. Alstock....Mr. Noah Dawson is very ill at his home on West Dadsden street.... Mr. George Johnson left last week to spend a while in St. Louis, Mo....Mr. Robert Thomas has bought the controlling interest in the Excambia Grocery Company....Messrs. Ray Matthews and John N. Lewis write friends from Los Angeles, Cal., that they are doing well. ....Mrs. Cherry Powers is out again, to the delight of her many friends....Miss Beatrice Penders leaves in a few days for Tallahassee to resume her studies in the F. A. and M. College....The Evening Entertainers Pleasure Club met last Monday night at their usual place. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Joseph B. Thomas. This club is making great preparations to entertain their friends Thanksgiving eve.

WASHINGTON, PA.

Special to The Freeman.

The grand rally of St. P. A. M. E. Church, which was held last Sunday, was a grand success. Several hundred dollars was realized for the benefit of the new edifice....Ahe young men Bible class of this city is proving a grand success.... Miss Florence Blake, of Homestead, is the guest of Mrs. Louis Mosbay....Mr. Charles Stenson, premier banjo soloist, is filling several days' engagement at the Casino....Rev. Elias, of McKeesport, was the guest of Rev. Holden for several days. He has just recovered from a severe spell of sickness....Mrs. Marshall Wasler, of Pittsburg, has returned home after several days spent with her relatives....Miss Laura Wasler is on the sick list.

SHEFFIELD, ALA.

Special to The Freeman.

Presiding Elder C. W. Warren, of the Florence district, preached his farewell sermon Sunday night at the A. M. E. Church. The service was very interesting and uplifting, and enjoyed by all present. The choir furnished the music. The members raised the required amount of dollar money and made their report. The presiding elder gave a very interesting lecture after the sermon, and bid the congregation good-by. The choir sang "God be with you till we meet again."... Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Knowles will leave Tuesday for Huntsville to visit the annual conference of the A. M. E. Church. ....The Mosaic Templars of America are preparing for the fall jubilee, which will convene November 12. Mr. W. M. Alexander, N. G. M., and Mr. L. L. Powell, State Grand Master, will lecture on that day....Mrs. S. A. Bowman spent Sunday in Courtland....Mrs. Mattie Gipson is quite ill....Mr. Mrk Rutland and Miss Sittie Bell, of Cherokee, Ala., were quietly married Thursday at the home of the bride. Their future home will be in Sheffield...The educational rally at Tuscumbia, Ala., was quite a success. The First Baptist and the A. M. E. Church raised $50.

MITCHELL, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

Rev. Marion, of the Missionary Baptist Church, has started a series of meetings....The A. M. E. Church is progressing nicely. The adult choir elected officers Friday night: Prof. Jas. Knight, president; Mary Sims, organist; Mary F. Thompson, assistant; Lula Knight, chorister; Bertha Hyte, secretary. The juvenile choir has been organized, with Mary F. Thompson, organist. The Sunday school has been reorganized, with Mr. Harry Edmunds, superintendent; Mrs. Lewis, Misses Rosa Vontreece and Leas Henson, teachers....Business men of the town: Mr. J. W. Hughes has a tin shop. Mr. Arra Terrel runs a grocery store and restaurant combined....Messrs. Fines, Frazer, Wayne and Henderson, of Bedford, and Reve Poter, of Bloomington, attended the Masonic lodge Monday night...Rev. H. J. Thompson organized three clubs at Bethel A. M. E. Church. The following are the captains: Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Good and Miss Vontreece.

PARIS, KY.

Special to The Freeman.

Elder Bryant, of the M. E. Church, has commenced a series of meetings, with Brother Harry Kelles as assistant preacher....Elder Webster, of the Forst Baptist, has commenced his meetings, with a large attendance....Mrs. J. C. Gatewood spent last week as guest of Mrs. Belle Willis....Mr. Lawson Stronter, of Indianapolis, is visiting old friends in Paris this week. Mr. Bishop McClennan will return to Indianapolis with Mr. Stronter next Sunday.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Theophilus Pullum attended a Hallowe'en party at Beaver Falls, Wednesday evening....Harry Erven has opened a Japanese restaurant at 21 Chestnut street....Robert Stewart is able to be at his place of business, on Commerce street, after being in two months with an injured leg....William Saunders will give his next skating party Monday evening, November 8, at Avon Park. It will be a masquerade party....Charles Weatherspoon and Lillian Berry are on the sick list.... George Burke, of Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kelley, of Alliance, visited relatives last week....Will Hall, of 460 West Federal street, is doing nicely after his operation....The St. Augustine Episcopal Mission will hold its fair the first week in December....Daniel Barrett is on the sick list....The Widows and Widowers Club gave a Hallowe'en party Monday evening. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ormes....The Mahoning Avenue Baptist Church has arranged a room for the pastor in the church....Mrs. Minnie Green, the hair dresser, of Pittsburg, is the guest of Mrs. Ernest Thompson....The Sunday dinners at Will Collins' cafe, 333 East street, are getting very popular....Mrs. Hallie Q. Brown, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, met at Mrs. T. D. Berry's and organized a literary club.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

Special to The Freeman.

Dr. Henry Brewer and daughter, of Beaumont, spent several days here visiting....Mrs. Cynthia Woodward, the esteemed mother of Mr. D. Ware paid him and his family a visit from Clarksville....Dr. L. B. Bluitt, of St. Louis, is permanently located in the city again. He wiss be associated with his brother, Dr. B. R. Bluitt, in his ever-increasing practice....Mr. Alex. Mitchell, of this city, died Tuesday and was buried with the full rites of the Odd Fellows order, of which he was a member in good standing. Interment was at the new cemetery....Mrs. Seymour, of Fort Worth, spent several days here, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Perry, on Williams street....There were many visitors in the metropolis last week, visiting relatives and friends and attending the fair....State Grand Master of all Masonic bodies in Texas J. W. McKinney was here a short while this week on business for the craft....A new and modern K. of P. hall is soon to be erected, say the board of trustees of the five lodges. Plans are being drawn, after which each lodge will elect its building committee to make the contract....Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mays entertained on Wednesday evening at their residence a number of their home and out-of-town friends who were here attending the fair. A most enjoyable evening was spent at various amusements. The famous Capital City Quartette rendered several selections, which brought the guests to their feet several times. Then the doors of the dining room were opened and the guests were made exceedingly glad they were there. Many toasts were given and the health of the happy family drank, and the table was relieved of much of its dainty and choice good things....Mrs. Beatrice Ballinger, of Fort Worth, spent several days here mingling with her many friends...Mrs. M. G. Johnson received a few of her visiting friends on Thursday night at 110 Boll street, in honor of Miss Daisy Lofton, of Temple, who spent several days here. A pleasant evening was had. ....Hon. W. E. King continues to improve, to the delight of his wide range of friends throughout the country....A new step towrd the advancement of the young Negro boys and girls is the movement by the denomination of Free Will Baptist connection of north Texas. They have bought a tract of good land, and are building suitable houses thereon to start an industrial school. The promoters of this work are Revs. H. E. Brown, D. L. Lewis, J. G. Griffin, N. W. Hennigin and R. C. Chamberlin....Mesdames N. E. Young and Tennie Bradford, of Calvert, spent several days here, the guests of Mrs. J. A. Gilmores, at 440 San Jacinto street. They were shown many social courtesies while here.... The All Texas Social Club management made the hit of the season by engaging the Bismarck Ferries Comedy Company for the club Wednesday night....The Capital City Quartette is cleaning them up on that singing act at the Grand Central....Mrs. Frank Carter is up, after a few weeks' illness....Mr. S. C. Crook and Mrs. Cynthia Jackson were married last week....Miss Susie Taylor was called to Ennis on account of the illness of her mother.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS IN HONOR OF GEN. O. O. HOWARD.

To the Alumni, Former Pupils and Friends of Howard University, Greeting:

You have already been made aware of the death of Gen. O. O. Howard, founder and patron saint of Howard University. General Howard stands out before the civilized world as the incarnation of Christian philanthropy.

To us who have been the special beneficiaries of his labors, his death has a deeper significance and meaning. I am sure that every loyal son of Howard has been profoundly moved by the tidings of his demise.

As president of the Alumni Association of Howard University, I propose memorial meetings in his honor in the different cities where a considerable number of Howard men are to be found. In cases where local alumni associations have been organized, I suggest that meetings be arranged under their auspices. In other instances, let the spirit of loyalty and gratitude make this an occasion for bringing all Howard men together.

I deem it appropriate that this occasion be utilized to stimulate interest in the proposed Alumni gymnasium, for the physical development of our student body, now over 1,300 strong. I shall be glad to take up details of such arrangements through correspondence with those who will assume the leadership in the several communities.

When all the world stands ready to do homage to this Christian hero and philanthropist, surely the sons of Howard University will lead the way.

Yours truly,
Kelly Miller,
President Alumni Association, Howard University.

SHERIFF SHIPP AND FIVE DEPUTIES IN CONTEMPT

Must Go to Washington to Be Sentenced—Echo of Johnson Lynching.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 3.—Sheriff Joseph F. Shipp of Chattanooga, Tenn., and five of his co-defendants in the prosecution by the United States for contempt of the Supreme Court of the United States, will be required to appear before the court on the 15th of this month to undergo sentence at the hands of the court. Their petition for rehearing was today denied by the court, but without any reasons being stated for the denial.

The men who will undergo sentence, in addition to Shipp, are his deputies, Gibson, Collins, Nolan, Padgett and Hayes, all of whom were found guilty during the last term of court. They are charged with conspiring to lynch a Negro named Ed Johnson, in March, 1906, after the court had taken cognizance of his case. He had been found guilty of assault and had appealed to the Supreme Court. The night after the announcement that the Federal Court would review his case he was taken out of the jail and lynched.

NEW ORLEANS NEWS.

BY V. P. THOMAS.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 23.—Ahe Independent Benevolent Association, of which Mr. R. Armstead is the president, spread a two hundred and fifty dollar supper for its members and their guests in the halls of St. Katherine building on Wednesday night and heard addresses from a number of the friends of the organization. Dr. L. T. Burbridge, Hon. Walter L. Cohen, Judge J. Madison Vance and others were among the speakers on the occasion. The weather somewhat interfered with the attendance, as the society had prepared to make the occasion pleasant for something like five hundred people. The Independent is one of the largest benevolent societies in the city among the colored people.

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Friends of Dr. J. E. Willis gave him a most pleasant surprise at his home Tuesday night. A stag party composed of some of the leading colored people in this city met at the Burbridge and Dejaie's drug store that night and Dr. Burbridge went over and got Dr. Willis, and in some way persuaded him to leave home, and while he was away the crowd who knew of the plot repaired to his home and quietly waited for him and Dr. Burbridge to return. When Dr. Willis got back and found his house filled with so many of his friends he was so surprised that he did not know what to say. One of those spreads of good things that Mrs. Willis knows so well how to prepare soon put before the visitors, and they and the Doctor made the best use possible of it in short order.

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A Fine Selection.

Dr. L. T. Burbridge, the well-known successful physician and surgeon, of the firm of Burbridge & Dejoie of this city, has been elected a teacher in Flint Medical College. Dr. Burbridge is popularly regarded as one of the most competent and skillful physicians and surgeons that the race has even had in New Orleans, and his selection as one of the teachers at Flint is an indication of the purpose of the school to give its students first-class teaching.

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Importers Kicking Against Open Hearing.

The question of open hearings before the board of general appraisers of merchandise is being agitated in the east and the indications are that the biggest kickers against the idea will be the importers who do not want the public to be let in on the facts about the cost of production and the market price in the country of exportation of the articles imported by them. An indication of the opposition of importers to open hearings was given and seen in the action of certain New York importers some days back when a motion was made byl their representatives present at a hearing before the board of general appraisers in that city to forbid the taking of stenographic notes by a reporter for a New York protectionist paper. Permission had been granted the paper by the board to have a representative at the hearing and the reporter was there taking down what was being said when he was noticed by the importers' representatives and a prompt move was made by them to have him quit. They did not want any report made of what they were saying about the cost of production and the market price of the articles they imported, and on their motion the public note taking was at once stopped. Of course, that will not abate the public curiosity a bit. On the contrary, the people will wonder more and more why the importer does not want the public to know these things. The public is the consumer and thinks it has a right to know.

Nothing Too Good

for you. That's why we want you to take CASCARETS for liver and bowels. It's not advertising talk—but merit—the great, wonderful, lasting merit of CASCARETS that we want you to know by trial. Then you'll have faith—and join the millions who keep well by CASCARETS alone.

CASCARETS 10c a box for a week's treatment, all druggists. Biggest seller in the world. Million boxes a month.

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Successful Applicants.

Miss Eloise Marshall, Miss Anita Simoneaux and Miss Edna Pullin passed the recent examination for teacher in the public schools of this city, and their host of friends are extending them hearty congratulations on their success. These young ladies are all graduates of Southern University. Ahe passing mark was over .80 and the examination is said to have been the most rigid in years.

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

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Calvary Baptist Church, Fifth and York streets, with the assistance of the members of his church, will begin a series of lectures November 1. "Russia, Its Geographical Situation, Its People, Politics and Religion," will be the subject by the Rev. W. L. Sosnin, a native of Africa, on Monday night, November 1. On the following Monday nights in the month there will be lectures on various subjects. The Tenement Settlement will be the subject Monday night, November 22. The Eckstein Norton Institute Band will furnish music.

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"Since the Lord has blessed my soul I have not had anything to do with the fiddle and the bow," was the expression of the Rev. C. C. Bates, pastor of the Hancock Street Baptist Church. There was an entertainment given at his church and a violin solo was given by Joe Quintero. The number was fine but the Rev. Bates could not see it that way. The entertainment was under the direction of Prof. Tulle E. Brown, of the Louisville Conservatory of Music.

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Cary B. Lewis has returned from Paducah, Key., where he was entertained by Dr. S. H. George, Mr. and Mrs. Avant, Prof. G. W. Jackson, Dr. Van Davis, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Watkins, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Merchant and Miss Rosena Maple. He addressed the students of the Lincoln High School and delivered a speech in favor of the Republican candidates for office in the city administration. Mr. Lewis had been in that section of the state with Bishop C. T. Shaffer, covering conferences.

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Mrs. Georgia Barkley Gomez, of Lexington, Ky., and who has the best soprano voice in the show and sings "The Harbor of Lost Dreams," went to Lexington Auesday to see her mother. Mrs. Gomez sang before 20,000 people last year at the Lexington Fair the day that Booker T. Washington spoke. She is the latest adjunct to the show and with a little more experience will most likely ripen into one of the best in the profession.

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Miss M. Spratt Brown, who is connected with the public school, is developing into a fine candy maker. She had on sale at the Y. M. C. A. Bazaar this week some very fine hand-made chocolates. Miss Borwn is a student during the summer at an Eastern school, taking Domestic Science.

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Mr. Ed Thomas will open his new cafe and pool room at West Walnut St. Saturday, Nov. 6. Mr. Thomas, or Ed as he is generally called, has a host of riends. He invites all of his old friends and desires to make new ones. Louis McWilliam, manager, Joe Carter, mixer.

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The entertainment given St. Peters Beneficial Aid Society was a grand affair. Quite a snug little su mwas realized. Mrs. Bell Booker, president; Mrs. A. R. Spaulding, secretary; Mr. J. Jacob Payne, treasurer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sterling B. Rex, who have been with the Williams and Walker company since 1904, were the guests this week at the home of Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore. They were highly entertained during their stay.

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The Young Men's Christian Association has organized a football team. John Davis, former captain of the Central High School, is manager, and Keats Dean, of the State University, is captain.

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Drs. Hambrich and Patterson are the newcomers. The doctors must think Louisville is a good thing, as Louisville has the largest number of practicing physicians than any city in the country.

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Miss Minnie Brown, who sang so sweetly last season "The Red Rose" in the Williams company, has recently lost her mother and father. She was absent this week. Her many friends of this city have sent letter of sympathy.

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Dr. L. G. Jordan, the "Little Baptist Steam Engine" of the Baptist denomination, is in the city of New York. Dr. Jordan is there to see Mary Buskhan, Rev. East and his wife sail to Africa.

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Mr. Matt Owsley, a member of the Willanms and Walker company, was absent from the show this week, due to the death of his brother, Angelo. This is the fifth brother to die in five years.

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Miss Jeanette Williams, of Paris, Ill., and one of the most charming young girls in that state, will visit Mrs. L. E. Ganaway, 1127 West Chestnut street, next week.

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Mr. Rube Foster, of Chicago, was here on business this week. Uncle Rube is always welcome.

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Richard Cooper, a New Albany boy, is in the city this week with the Williams and Walker show.

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Mr. Bert Williams, Mr. Vaughn and Jesse Shipp were the guests of Mr. John Philipps.

Miss Carrie Varian, of Owensboro, Ky., was in the city this week.

Cary B. Lewis.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

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card, and, like wine, he grows better with age. Mr. Finley is a man of liberal education and his jokes have genuine "class" to them. While humorous and clean-cut, his rapid-fire talk makes the wisest sit up and take notice, if they would get the full benefit of the points. The wonder is how he can think of so many bright things to say every week, without "repeating himself." He has the latest songs, and not one yet has failed to "go big." An important member of the Hiawatha staff is Mr. Raymond Murray, who operates the moving-picture apparatus in the machine-room. He picked up the business during the summer, at a show at River View. Coming back to Washington, he passed the operator's examination, secured a license and is now rated as an expert. The rapid and accurate manner in which the reels are handled attest his skill in this direction. The Hiawatha is helping the proscribed Negro race in Washington to solve the amusement problem.

"The Maceo," another moving-picture house, will open about Thanksgiving time. A new two-story building has been erected by Mr. James F. Childs, and besides the theater the structure will contain a six-room living apartment, an office and a store room. The building is located on the southeast corner of Eleventh and U Streets Northwest.

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The National Benefit Association, of which Dr. R. W. Brown is president, has purchased the building at the northwest corner of Eleventh and U streets, and will remodel it for business purposes.

R. W. Thompson.

Additional Stage News on Page Six.

J. Leuhrie Hill, Henry Troy and Tom Brown, of the Bert A. William Company, were calers at The Freeman office last week.

Floyd Harris is doing a fine singing and contortion act which is very clever, and desires to hear from Hi Henry and Clemo Harris.

W. A. Thomas, of the Congo King, says "Hello, Mose Gilpin and Larance Chenault; I don't know very much, but it 'pears to me—"

Monroe Tabor, the Southern Yodeler and tenor, closed with the Richard & Pringles' Minstrels. Now at 409 W. Orange street, Jacksonville, Fla.

Sam Shelton is another star from Texas and is making good in the East as principal comedian with Baryea's Southern Cracker Jack Company.

Boyd McDonald, the well known pianist, has the company at the Elite Theater, at Florence, S. C. Mrs. McDaniel of the same theater sends regards to Mrs. Carrie Hall.

Bert A. Williams was the guest of Elwood Knox, manager of The Freeman, during the engagement of his company in the city last week.

Alonzo Peterson, musical director of the Elite Theater of Florence, S. C., sends regards to Marion Trice, of Dunbar's Male Quartette, and Frank Crosby, Majestic Theater, Greenville, S. C.

Mr. John Scott, an Indiana product, traveling with "Paid in Full," taking the part of a Japanese, was in the city this week. The company played a three-day engagement at English's.

John H. Wickliffe, trap-drummer of the Pekin Stock Company, Cincinnati, sends regards to friends, and would like to hear from Wm. Cousin and George Myers. Permanent address, THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Walter Johnson, a well-known producer of Vaudeville acts, was a Freeman visitor this week. Mr. Johnson is filling an engagement with the Morning, Noon and Night Co. at the Empire.

Mrs. Harry Fiddler has returned to New York City, and was accompanied as far as Buffalo by her husband, who was en route to Toronto, Canada, to fill the engagement of Fiddler and Shelton.

David D. Smith wants to hear from Richard Simmons, stage manager in Macon, Ga. Mr. Simmons, please write to 606 W. 12th street, Chattanooga, Tenn., David D. Smith. (Important.) Regards to W. J. Stiles and Joe eJnnings.

The Famous Capital Quartet, John Penn, first tenor; Luke Freeman, second tenor; Oscar B. Shelly, baritone, and Jno. Walker, basso, have been making a big hit at the Airdome at Dallas, Tex., receiving four and five encores nightly.

George Day has left the "Sunny South" act and is now en route with the "Suwantee River" Company as tenor singer with the Palmetto Four—George Day, Edward Williams, Will H. Culp, Johnson Glover. They are meeting with great success. They will play New York City Christmas week.

The Thompsons, Lizzie and Thomas, are still with The Congo King Co. and send regards to Ida Roberson and Kenner & Lewis, of New Orleans. Arthur Allen is still with us and sends regards to all. Dan Hull is making a big hit singing "Transmagnificandividualty," says Hello, Brown and English, also Eldridge.

Bland and Jones, while playing Charleston, W. Va., were dined by W. O. Terry, at his beautiful residence, and an enjoyable time was had. Daniel Riley, manager of Bland and Jones, was also present. Many of W. O. Terry's friends will no doubt be glad to know that he has developed in a pharmacist, and owns his own store. We (Bland and Jones) and Manager Riley wish him success.

The Maceo Vaudeville Theater Circuit has opened a new vaudeville theater in Columbia, S. C. It also will be called the "Maceo," and will be known on the circuit as "Maceo No. 2." The "Maceo" circuit is the pioneer colored vaudeville circuit of the South. It has always been the policy of this management to give the public clean, high-class vaudeville and a strict maintenance of good order. We have a strong show on and are having large audiences every night. Regards to all.

The marvelous LaShe writes from Great Falls, Mont: "I have closed my company for lack of talent, as I only had a small show, and each one had to be on his or her merits. Since that time I filled in two weeks at the Dreamland Theater, Great Falls. My wife and I start for the East in a few days, where she will visit her sister in Chicago for two weeks, then we pay my sister in Troy, N. Y., a short visit, then go to New York on a pleasure trip. While here I had the pleasure of seeing "Old Kentucky." Say, the band was swell! Then comes the Suwanee River Four, with Cameo Kirby. Boys doing nicely. Bud Smith singing to talking comedian. Just closed on the Fischer Bijou circuit twelve weeks and is resting in Great Falls. The West is all right, but oh, you East! Will be pleased to meet old friends. Regards to Billy King, Kid Langford, Marsh Craig and all friends."

THE EXCHANGE THEATER AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

We have now remodeled our new place and have a seating capacity of one thousand. It is now fit for ladies ad children. We have in our show some of the best performers that are in the Southland.

Mr. Ed Peate, the Louisiana Blossom, is a big hit with his song, "Stop Scorching That Ham." Prof. Hayward just arrived from Seattle, Wash., is back with us again. Miss Virgie has an excelent sporano voice. Mr. Monroe Tabor, our soloist, who is said to be the only black A. L. Wilson, is singing this week Intryrol Yodel. Miss Mamie Payne is one of the best dancers of her race. Monroe says for Billy King to write.

GEM THEATER, MEMPHIS, TENN.

We are still enjoying fine weather and good business, and our company gets along fine. We had for the last part of the week one of Mr. Perry's comedy plays entitled "Champion Foot Runner of the East," which was a scream. Miss Lula Too Sweet, our play writer, has a new play for us next week entitled "The Death of Bill Bailey." Our stage manager, Willie Too Sweet, is doing fine with his new dance. Mr. Johnnie Wood, the ventriloquist, joined us last week, and is making them scream. Our soubrette, Miss Susie Cook, and Miss Floyd Fisher and Bedelia Johnson send regards to Mamie Johnson. Would like to hear from Gertrude Raney.

THE PROFESSION AT SANTA FE, CUBA.

Miss Ethel Smith has left the stage for one year and is stopping at the Isle of Pines for her health. She sends regards to all the boys and girls in and around New York and would like to hear from Cadda Johnson, Etta Gross and the Mehhs.

Annie Forcey is doing some good time at Felipes, and sends regards to New York and Washington, D. C.

Prof. F. D. Sulis continues to entertain at Cafe Indiana. His favorite rag is "Oh You Kid," and says it is the best yet. Wants to hear from Miss Mamie Payne and Pearl Woods.

The Clairs are out of the biz. We have a very nice lot on Isle of Pines and expect to build soon. Regards to the Porters, also would like to hear from Harry Williams, better known as Skeeter, was with White City shows some time ago.

PEKIN THEATER AT CINCINNATI.

The beginning of the second week of Lee's Stock Company, playing at the Pekin in Cincinnati, is the starting of one more week of clean, wholesome and side-splitting comedy. Those who have been among the regulars of the theater's patrons say no show has ever been seen in the little playhouse that has caused as much laughter as have the ones produced by the above company. Miss Warneta Wilson, who is "Dolly Lee, of Hackensack, N. J.," could not portray the character any more vividly if she had been bred and born a country lassie. She is a scream. Brown and Lowry open and close with a roar of laughter. Their sketch is one of the funniest ever seen on a vaudeville stage. James Heydon is a laugh from start to finish. Really, the fellow is a laugh to look at. He is a real monologist—that's all. Then comes the funniest of all comedies, "Ethel's Hired Husband," a scream from beginning to end. In all, the show is great—simply a company of very clever performers. Next week Manager Lee presents his stock company in Lee's New and Up-to-Date Minstrels. S. R. O. sign hangs out at the Pekin continuously.

KANSAS CITY TO HAVE COLORED THEATER.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

During my stay this week in Kansas City I was invited to attend a banquet at which a number of prominent colored citizens had assembled to discuss the feasibility of launching a colored theater in the city. Mr. Lewis Woods, publisher of the Kansas City Sun, was the promoter of the scheme, and with him I had the pleasure of viewing the property in which the theater will be located. A Jewish synagogue located at the corner of 11th and Oak streets, is the site selected, and it is ideally adapted for the enterprise. The stock of the company was rated for three thousand dollars, and subscriptions more than covering the amount was subscribed at the banquet. It is the intention of the gentlemen concerned to run a place on high moral lines and provide attractions entirely devoid of vulgarity. A permanent orchestra is to be a feature of the house. Vaudeville and a small stock company together with moving pictures will form the basis of the entertainment. The theater is also sufficiently large and adaptable for lectures and other large gatherings.

With a population of over 30,000 Negroes in Kansas City proper, a large population in Kansas City, Kan., Independence and Rosedale, and with the discrimination against colored patronage in all of the amusement enterprises of the city, this theater should prove an attractive amusement feature for the Kansas City citizens of color. Mr. Lewis Woods, the promoter, is to be congratulated on the selection of such an ideal proeprty for the veture and for the high standard he hopes to maintain when the project is launched, as well as for a substantial, financial resource he has deemed necessary to back the venture.

SAM CORKER, JR.,
Advance Agent for Cole & Johnson's Theatrical Co.

CLEVER BILLY YOUNG,

With McCabe's Georgia Troubadours, Is Given a Royal Good Time in Honor of His 49th Birthday.

The members of the Georgia Troubadours showed their appreciation of the verteran refined performer, Billy Young, by remembering his 49th birthday, which occurred at Arthur, Iowa, Saturday, Oct. 30th.

Wm. McCabe's Troubadours have enjoyed the distinction of having a phenomenally long run, for a small company, having run three consecutive seasons without closing, summer or winter. And business is so encouraging it is little wonder that the members of the company can part with a few of their simoleons in order to give one another a good time when the occasion requires.

On Saturday forenoon Billy was reminded, by receiving of congratulatory telegrams from different parts of the country from friends, that the was rapidly advancing toward the half-century mark.

The members of the company immediately set about preparing to give him a time that would be stamped indelibly in his autograph of memory. After the performance they went to the Hotel Rafferty, the dining room doors opened and the table that we set our eyes upon was enough to make an angel smack his lips. After blessing, we "hove to" with spirited appetites. After supper there were many fitting toasts and complimentary speeches. William McCabe acted as toastmaster and presentation speaker. Clever Billy received many useful presents, as follows: One double-barreled shotgun, from William McCabe manager; two boxes fine cigars, from Mr. Lindsay, opera house manager; one gent's traveling bag and complete set of Shakespeare's works, Mrs. L. H. Young, Lexington, Ky.; one meerschaum gold-trimmed pipe, Miss Edna McCabe; one complete gold and silver-trimmed shaving set, Warren and Windbush; one plain gold band ring, Neola Farrola; kid gloves, silk handkerchiefs, ties and opal stick-pin (birthstone), by united members of company.

We all dispersed at 1:30 a. m., wishing success to the man who for twenty-six years of show life has entertained multitudes of people and made many a smile chase dull care away from the facers of his audience.

Long life to Clever Billy!

"MR. LODE OF KOAL."

J. D. HOWARD.

An epoch in muscal travesty was presented at the Park Theater last week when Mr. Bert Williams and his company of singers, dancers and comedians appeared in the tuneful and hilarious "Mr. Lode of Koal." The oddity and uniqueness of the show is worthy of more than a passing comment. In fact, columns could be written setting forth the manifold possibilities of this ambitious effort of Messrs. Ship & Rogers. As a sally into the realms of such productions as "Wizard of Oz," "Babes in Aoyland," "Beauty and the Beast" and other shows of a fabulistic basis, "Mr. Lode of Koal" is distinctly a premier so far as colored performers and writers are concerned. A successful invasion of this new field means the subsequent development of a different class of characterizations such as has never come in requisition in the past productions from the pens of Negro writers.

Just why other than favorable comment could be made on the production as a whole I fail to understand. The music is good, the chorus excellent, the lines bright and witty, the scenario and setting perfect in detail, with a cast representing the best talent procurable among the race. Constructively the show is clever in both trend and text. There are no glaring inconsistencies. This fact alone warrants boundless praise for the authors. As a matter of fact Negro playwrights and performers, too, for that matter, are but as infants in all they do pertaining to the stage when compared to the white brother with his centuries of experience, boundless resource and opportunity. In "Mr. Lode of Koal" a picture is presented of an odd tint and hue. Its characters of a type never before seen in a colored show. How deliciously refreshing and how generous is the public reception of this new departure frim the jaded slap-stick buffoonery of the past.

Does the advent of a show of the character and make up of "Mr. Lode of Koal" really mark an era in Negro stage craft? This is a question that is going the rounds among the real thinkers and students of the stage and its technique. Broadway, of course, must answer the question. If the characters created by the coming forth of "Mr. Lode of oKal" are accepted in New York it is but a step further when such great comedians as Mr. Williams and others I might mention will be seen from under cork in spectacular, fantales, fables and travesties. tI will then but but another step until our colored comedians will come to their own—the privilege of tackling the same kind of plays and work as Nat Goodwin, William Crane, the late Sol Smith Russell and others—in which their real ability as actors will be given scope.

I am awaiting most anxiously the expression of the Gotham press on the opening of "Mr. Lode of oKal" which, doubtless, will prove of great educational value to some critics throughout the country who have already rendered their verdict on the show.

MORRISON AND WASHINGTON.

Billy Morrison and Helen Washington are a musical comedy sketch team. Mr. Morrison is a comedian and tenor singer, and his wife is a soubrette, contralto singer and dancer. All of their comedy work has been supplied from the pen of Sylvester Russell. They are at present touring in Canada, but expect to later appear in Chicago and New York, and then sail for Europe.

OLD DEHOMEY AGAIN.

By JULI JONES, JR.

This grand weather has got us up in the air. Nobody laughing but the Weather Man. The remains shops are doing a land-office business. Green and Brooks tie-up was at first thought to be temporary, but it now turns out that the matters will have to be settled in the Supreme Court. It seems that the squeezing party overstepped their bounds, and are now trying to get back. As the matter stands, it seems that the battle will be the hardest fought one that ever came off in Illinois over a 5-cent theater.

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Well, well! Philadelphia, the city that boasted of having the slow-town medal since the Centennial in 1876, has five 5-cent houses in a row. None in New York or Boston; looks like a mule beating a race horse.

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Colored show shops throughout the country have a funny position in the theatrical world. A colored show shop does its best in the summer time, while a white shop does likewise in the winter. There are only two questions that can solve the problem. The summer time is the colored man's time. He is not welcome in the parks, either in the North or the South, so he has to go some place to be amused; consequently he spends his operatic hours in a 5-cent show shop. In the winter—well, the coal man keeps him on the jump.

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Miss Carita Day, one of the few colored ladies that are in vaudeville with Picks, has shifted her crew and will appear again over the big time with some smaller men. Her last set grew so large that one of them was called Jack Johnson and the other Jim Jeffries. They were good workers, but too large to get on the stage at the same time.

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Down in one place, up in another. The two houses in Cincinnaati have cut out vaudeville and will run only moving-pictures for the winter. In Charleston, W. Va., another house has opened up. So down in one place and up in another.

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The best news of the day comes from New Orleans, that the stock company is a success. Many thanks to Williams and Stevens, Joe Simms and Bessie La Belle. Charles Williams is one of the best little stock producers in this country.

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The Goats! the Goats! They will give a grand ramble and a ball on Nov. 22. They bought the hall this time—no more chances. They have a permit to ramble from 8 o'clock in the evening till 8 the next morning. Now, won't they ramble!

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Many thanks to Manager Kline of the Monogram for his kindness to the Goats. He saved the hour for them, by taking them in at the last moment.

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From the outside look, the small colored shops throughout the Southwest are doing very well. They send in for more talent and higher salary. Go on, brother!

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Miller and Lyle, the talking team, from the small-town press notices, have begun to show the earmarks of Smith and Campbell. If this little talking act ever strikes one of the big cities right—fare thee!

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Bradford, THE FREEMAN eastern representative, is certainly one breezy young man and hard worker. That's what makes a good newspaper man. Bradford goes out and looks for the NEWS. That's the only news worth printing.

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Green and Stewart, the act that broke in at the Grand, is simply burning up the Middle West. The act started out on its nerve, but is now working on its merits—and a little different from the rest.

DIXIE MINSTRELS.

We carry a band of twelve pieces, which renders some of the best music written. Mr. Timmons, our band leader, keeps his band supplied with the best standing music. The members of the band are as follows: Willie Timmons, leader and cornet; Samuel Burn, solo cornet; Bert Adams, first bass; Jno. Alford, E clarinet; D. W. Batsell, solo B clarinet; Jas. Shaw, baritone; Hampy Walburg, trombone; Henry James, tuba; Jas. Rhine, solo alto; George Owens, first alto; Jas. Walburg, trap drummer; Jacob Warde, bass drummer.

Our orchestra is lead by Mr. Jas. Rhine, and the public is always pleased with their music. It is composed of the following: Jas. Rhine, first violin and leader; Samuel Burns, second violin; George Owens, viola; D. W. Batsell, first clarinet, Willie Timmons, first cornet; Bert Adams, second cornet; Jas. Shaw, valve trombone; Hampy Walburg, slide trombone; Henry James, bass violin; Jas. Wauburg, trap drummer and bells. Brown and English, Warde and Eldrige, Singleton and Carson are the funny men on the end and sends the crowd away yelling. Our opening, "Sweet Dixie Land," makes a hit everywhere. Our olio is opened by Mr. Carson, the young contortionist, king of all youngsters. He always pleases. Then Mr. W. L. Eldridge, our monologe artist, who makes good everywhere singing his "Rip Van Winkle Was a Lucky Man, but Adam Had Him Beat a Mile." Fun for all our great dancing contest—Elbridge, Warde, Brown, Singleton and English. Coon shouting and buck dancing by Mrs. Moore, a lady who makes good everywhere and of the team of Moore and Moore. Our Watermelon Quartette is another feature of the show. Mr. Chas. Smith, Mr. Jesse Henderson, Mr. Richard M. Brown and Jacob Warde. The two Walburgs, Mr. and Mrs., are a team that always pleases, and also Mrs. Moore and Smith. Our show is closed by our tfo star comedians, Messrs Brown and English, in their funny act entitled "Uncle Eph's Return to the Old Plantation," and it is a howling success.

Brown and English send regards to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thompson and Dan R. Hull, of the "Congo King" Co.

Mr. Chas. Smith and Effie Cunningham send regards to Mr. and Mrs. Sacre and Blanche Simms and Mr. and Mrs. Gertrude and Mause McDaniels.

D. W. Batsell send regards to Mr. Lee Ford, Chas. Crawford and Estes Pace, of the H. B. Danville's Minstrels, and also the Royal orchestra of Sherman, Tex.

Mr. Jas. Rhine sends regards to Mr. JJno. Anderson and Susie Leaver, late of the Mahara's Minstrels.

THE FAMOUS GEORGIA MINSTRELS.

Our show is in Texas, doing well. We are proud to say that all the company is new reporting well and hearty. Mr. Leonard Gaines, who has passed through a second stage of severe illness, is now looking fine and dandy. He now looks like a man who could make a living selling his photos. Our show is now invading the new territory in Texas known as the Panhandle district, still opening new houses. We are very sorry that we have failed to keep an account of the houses we have opened this season. We have all reason to believe it would be a record-breaker, as ew are still at the game. Mr. Holland has the name and record of being one of the best advance men that ever fronted a show. His work this season is certainly a convincing proof of his wonderful ability and experience in the show business. Mr. Filkins, our manager, brings up the rear of the show good and clean, leaving nothing but good results behind, copping the dough or collateral amid smiles and comments from the managers, who most all ask for the show to open their houses next season. Mr. Rascoe, of Tulia, Texas, pleads strongly for our show to come back next season and open his house and take in the Panhandle district, which he claims would mean real money to us. He says the minstrel show is the best of its kind that was ever in his house, and the people that are with the show have won for themselves a very great name, one that would go far ahead of us, not only as performers in their different lines, but on the street, about the car, and al lthe various ways one may chance to find them. He gave us a clean write-up that space will not allow us to reproduce. The following is an extract from Mr. Rascoe's notice:

"The R. & P. Minstrels certainly delighted their audience with a show far above the ordinary minstrel show. The house was well filled with people who really enjoyed hearing sweet singing and real music by a strictly first-class orchestra, and seeing some very clever burlesques and stunts of wit and humor performed by real artists in that line of work. All received full value for their money. The first part, sitting, was a club room of aristocracy, hung with draperies, and formed a background appropriate for the occasion. The chorus work was very good. The bass solo, "The Sentinel Asleep," was well worthy of the liberal applause given it in honor of the big-voiced basso, Major Daniels. The neat working little comedian, who don't have to do anything but give one of his comical salutes or facial expressions to his audience for a terrific outburst of applause, is the well-known Kid Langford. Another ballad that was highly received and exceptionally well rendered was "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her New," by Sidney Kirkpatrick, and received generous applause. Billy King and Clarence Rowel, the real mirth and laugh provokers, close this elaborate first part, thus winning for themselves the most laurels in their droll joke-making, with a new stock of jokes and puns that was really amusing, profusely laughable and humorous."

The above is simply gleaned from the leading paper of this section. We now invade the Panhandle.

THE PROFESSION AT PHILADELPHIA.

George Wright is acknowledged the best straight comedian on this circuit. A local paper states he is wasting ttalent in this class of show.

Madam Laura Taylor closed with the Toliver show, and is now resting.

Josephine Berkeley is the neatest performer on the "street," and her partner, Henry Thompson, the sweetest singer.

Carl Cooke returns from the South to play Forepaugh's next week.

George Lockley is a real gentleman, and Samuel Siegel has done well in getting so popular a manager.

John Green, better known as "Pop," has been offered the star part of "The Oyster Man." Mrs. Green is recovering, after a severe illness.

Big Baby Braxton owes his success to Pop Green.

Frank Davis, of the North Pole, has some nice offers for this and next season.

A. W. Witsall's theater has discontinued vaudeville, and Baby Jim, the 790-pound boy, keeps them laughing.

Wesley Norris did not appear, as heralded.

Clever John Rucker is at the Plaza, making good.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson open in Petersburg November 7th.

Happy Joe Outen is now producing comedian at the Orpheum.

At Tucker's Theater, Moss and Black have engaged Billy Swiggetts to succeed Charlie Wilson. Mamie Campbell, Grace Jackson, Lawrence Turner and Lucy Evans are all doing fine this week.

Miller, Bundy and Emory have joined hands to do a three act.

At John Duncan's North Pole Theater business and the show are great. The New York people draw well. There is an entire change of program and several new artists.

THE COLORED VAUDEVILLE IN AND AROUND DEAR OLD BOSTON.

BY BRADFORD.

Dotson & Lucas are playing for "Mardo" all the time.

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Lynnere has been ill but is improving at present writing.

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Billy Moore and Pinkie please write Lynnier to Boston.

Theodore Henderson got robbed on a train. Wake up, kiddo.

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J. W. Gorman is thinking of having a colored park show next season.

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working all the time for Mrs. Coogan, Kelly & Jeff Davis agents.

Jim Allen better quit going over to Charlestown. Oh you Jimmy.

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B rutMurphy, Joe Britton, Walter Robinson and the Bunker Hill Bunk.

Miss Alma Diamond, singer and Dancer, is making a hit all over New England.

The Roys left oBston for Halifax and Sidney, N. S. W. Hip, hip, hoo, Roy.

Bruce has been negotiating with H. B. Marinell from Boston for European time.

Simeon & Florence Dunmore are doing some more act on the Novia Scotia time.

Rastus Brown is a riot, cyclone, tornado, whirlwind in the New England states.

Ervine Richardson looks as if he owns Boston. He has got lots of money on his hip.

Joe Britton nearly lost his little red cap in Boston. I wish I could have found it. Hows that?

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Bass & Buckner went to Halifax. Oh, Bass, won't you please come home. You, too, Buckner.

Prices' mother has been ill with pneumonia, but she is improving rapidly. She likes Boston.

Erb Robinson came into Boston on gum shoes and demanded the child. Upon being refused he took the kid and beat it, and Bradford got the dope, then The Freeman got it, now the bunch has got it. But Erb got the child, so he must be given credit.

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He llo,Bill McCarver, Blonde Robinson and Sapiro. From Bruce at Boston. Hello, Sadie McC., too.

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Jos. J. Flynn wants colored acts for next summer. A timely tip. A tip in time save many open weeks.

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Cooper, the ventriliquist, went to Bellingham, Vt. Cooper is one of the best ventriliquists in the world.

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Price says to Chris Smith, Christopher send me something that is near as good as "Come After Breakfast."

The Buckeye Four give a ball in honor of the S. H. Dudley Co. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at Plinot Hall. I like dat.

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Madge Gans, Arron Johnson and Ed Green, did you know that Walter Robinson is still alive and send best wishes.

Ella Hayes, late of Juniper & Hayes, is working alone around Boston, doing great. She played Dreamland, Boston, last week.

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De Forest, the great colored female impersonator, is doing fine in New England. His act is great and his gowns are gorgeous.

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Johnny Juniper and Billy Carrington do a nice act, but always remember that the bridge that carries you over is the real bridge.

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After thirty-five years of lonesome life Jim Allen has been kidnapped by one of our favorite playwriters. What's the answer? Wait.

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Madam Flowers was seriously injured in the Boston subway, but is convalescing rapidly at present writing. All friends write Madam Flower.

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Billy Nichols just did get back from Halifax, but he looked happy when I saw him at the Grant Club. Billy does a great act. You all know the mimic.

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Harry Lauder is billed like a circue in Boston. But Lauder stood no show when I landed in Boston, with my armful of the Freeman and that little side line of Freeman talk.

C. V. B. A. SPECIAL NOTES.

By BRADFORD.

Notice—The Freeman, in instituting this special column for the C. V. B. A. Notes, once more demonstrates its claims to originality along this line of news. The Freeman is the first colored paper to give this deserving colored vaudeville artists' society a special column for their news.

Are you a member?

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Members, read THE FREEMAN for C. V. B. A. news.

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Get your button, members, for they are going very fast.

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The C. V. B. A. is the grandest benevolent order in the theatrical world.

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Catlin & Kelly were the hit of the bill last week at Champaign, Ill.

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Pankey & Cook will soon leave New York over the Pantages Circuit.

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Davis and Walker was the hit of the bil llast week while at Fall River.

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Members, do not forget Jan. 28, 1910. Send in your photographs at once.

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Bob Slater expects some very good time over a large circuit with a partner.

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Gordon & Keyes were the hit of the bill at S. Norwalk, Conn., last week.

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We would like for President Leon Williams to send some news to THE FREEMAN.

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Bradley & Miller apepared at the Circle Theater last week and was the hit of the bill.

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Traveling Deputy J. Frank DeLyons sent some very interesting news to the C. V. B. A.

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Barry Carter has chosen the down and out chair, but you can't keep a good man down.

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The Alpha Comedy Four returned to the city after ten weeks of successful vaudeville.

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I see that several C. V. B. A. members are registered at Mrs. Neal's, Fall River, Mass.

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Walter Jeffrys and Chas. Taylor, of the Creole Revenge Co., were in town last week.

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Blaine Gaten can't be found any more since he got married. Where is the field glasses.

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And still they are going. Scott & Whaley sailed on last Wednesday and will open at Sheffield, Eng.

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Danny Michael has been waiting ever since 7 o'clock for a telegram, and hasn't received it yet.

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Do not forget the C. V. B. A. ball and reception on January 10, 1910, Madison Square Garden.

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Billy Harper and James Bemis called at the C. V. B. A. and made it pleasant for those who were there.

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The Gumbo dinner of last week is the talk of the town, as Bob Slater is now the chef of the C. V. B. A.

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Al Gonies, of Anderson & Gonies, at last has arrived in town and was the the callers at the C. V. B. A.

Members of the C. V. B. A. will kindly send their photos to Secretary La Motte as soon as possible.

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The big C. V. B. A. ball, to be held at Madison Square Garden in January, 1910, is the talk of New York.

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Among the callers for the past week were Harry Brown, Tom Cross, William Hall, Harry Brooks, Barrington Carter, Frank B. Williams, Scott Joplin, Burt Murphy.

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Frank Clermonto is going to New Orleans this winter for his health when the swallows homeward fly.

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James Worles and Anna Smith will soon be seen in vaudeville, appearing in some of the leading vaudeville houses.

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We learned with regret of the death of A. Housely, a brother of M. Housely, a member of the Lode of Kole Co.

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Sam Gordon must have struck it lucky. He had his hand on the button twice in one day. Oh you Sammy Cohen.

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Bob Slater is talking of getting up a gumbo dinner for the boys. A good suggestion, as Bob knows how to cook.

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James Worles and Hawley Goodall have resigned from the Wangdoodle Comedy Four owing to some disagreement

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Do not forget the souvenir reception of the C. V. B. A. on January 28, 1910, at Madison Square Garden, New York.

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Send your subscriptions to Secretary LaMotte, and he will see that the members of the C. V. B. A. get THE FREEMAN.

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Secretary LaMotte received a grand report, with applications properly filled out, from Traveling Deputy J. Leubrie Hill.

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Dixie Sereanders having had a successful season, will soon return to New York and open at Hammerstein Victoria.

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Bro. Joe Montague had an operation performed a few days ago for tonsilitis. The association expresses their sympathy.

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Some notes in this C. V. B. A. column were sent in by I. M. Wise, abbreviated I'm Wise. Read this column and get wise.

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NOTICE.

J. Frank Rose, stage carpenter and electrician, twenty years' experience as carpenter for Grand Opera House, Greenville, S. C., would like good job in house or road.

NOTICE.

Magnolia Cafe, Greenville, S. C., 208 Coffie street, Jim Bowen, Prop.

ROUTES.

WILLIAM McCABE'S GEORGIA MINSTRELS—Ellsworth, Minn., Nov. 7, 8.

RINGLING BROTHERS' CIRCUS—Baton Rouge, La., Nov. 8; Brockhaven, 9; Jackson, 10; Greenwood, 11; Greenville, 12; Clarksdale, 13.

VIRGINIAN WARBLERS — Edmond, Kan., Nov. 8; Hellrose, Col., 9; Sterling, 10; Hill City, Kan., 11; Lenora, 12; Burns, 13.

JOHNSON AND WELLS—In vaudeville with Sunny South Company: Week of Nov. 8, open.

SMART SET COMPANY (SOUTHERN) —Temple Theater, New Orleans, La., beginning Nov. 8, continuing for three weeks.

PAT CHAPPELLE'S "A RABBIT'S FOOT" COMPANY—Jackson, Miss., Nov. 8.

BERT A. WILLIAMS in "MR. LODE OF KOAL"—New York City, indefinitely.

THE FREEMAN POSTOFFICE

Notice.—Persons whose names appear in the following list will kindly send for mail, as the names will appear four times and then returned to writer or dead-letter office. It would prevent delay if all performers would send route from time to time and letter could be forwarded at once.

Gentlemen's List.

Bruce, W. A.
Collins, E. N.
Claybrooks, Alfonso
Dudley, E. B.
Dudley, E. B.
Francis, Lon
Francis, Tom
English, The Great
Eggleston, L. C.
Harris, B. H. James
Harris, Mr. B. H. James
Johnson, John
Lee, John
La She, Herbert
Lacey, James S.
Marshall, Leo
Moore, Alonzo
Puggsley, H. H.
Pennell, Wm.
Sherman, J. E.
Smith, Speedy
Stafford, Eddie
Taylor, Waller
Taylor, George
Taylor, Will
Tobias, John
Woodley, Robert
White, Babe
White, German
Wilson, Frank

Ladies' List.

Chambers, Beulah
Clark, Mrs. Leah
Kincaid, Mrs. Florence
Seals, Pearl
Groves, Rosa
Mitchells, Billie and Rose

Additional Stage News on Page Six.

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The only one of its kind in America.
All branches of hairdressing taught. Wax figures a specialty. Chiropody and manicuring. Write for terms.
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534-536 W. 5th St., Cincinnati, O.

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Good lady singer, girls who sing and dance, acts with open time. Performers and amateurs wanted at all times. Send photo and lowest cash salary to start in first letter. Address Lincoln Amusement Co., 719 E. Washington St., Springfield, Ill. A. W. Naylor, Stage Manager.

WANTED!
All independent colored actors, such as Sketch Teams, Quartette s, Jubilee Singers, Musical Teams, Concert Companies, Violin Virtuoso's and Lectures, that are on the road coming this way, to write me at once for dating. I have just opened a first class Theatre for my people. Don't wait, write to-day for your dates. Address Louis H. Slaughter, Olympic Theatre, 111 E. Eighth street, Topeka, Kansas.

Colored Performers and Musicians
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The Show that never closes.
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Week Nov. 8 to 13, Mansfield, La.; 15 to 20, Winfield, La.

THE STAGE
HAYWOOD

WHAT THE COLORED VAUDEVILLIANS ARE DOING IN NEW YORK AND THE EAST.

By **Bradford.**

If The Freeman says it, why, it's so. It never lies.

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Martin and Fox are doing fine at present writing.

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Scott Joplin is still ragtime king of Greater New York.

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The Three Bumford Sisters are making good everywhere.

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Jones, Grants and Jones was a big scream at Newark, N. J.

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Hello, Matt Marshall! Have you been back to New Philadelphia, O.?

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Walter Crumbley is still doing great with that great quartet, the Alpha Comedy Four.

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Bohee & Hyers played Brockton, Mass., a short time ago, and the public is praising them yet.

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Elwood Knox wrote the writer that he wants to become a member of the C. V. B. A., and desires vouchers.

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The Philadelphia, Boston and Pittsburg agents are all kindly inclined toward colored artists at present.

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Mr. Al Bryant, singing, dancing and talking comedian, is still with the Royalty Quartette, doing well, as usual.

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Baryea's Southern Cracker Jacks, including Sam Shelton, are presenting one of the cleverest colored acts in the East.

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The writer would like to hear from the Jolly Prices, No. 10 Porter street, Boston, Mass., at their earliest convenience.

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Sam Davis, of Davis and Walker, still does that head spin different from any other acrobat, white or black, in the world.

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If you want to get the real dope, read The Freeman. The real paper with the real writers. The Freeman prints the real news really.

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Hill and Hill are all booked up, as usual. Wesley Hill is a great hustler with a good act, and the Hills deserve all the work they get.

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I want to hear from The Moxleys, Bill Juniper, Anderson and Goines, Mr. Gideon Bowman and everybody else that hasn't been heard from.

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Erb Robinson and Blaine Gaten, introducing their own conception, entitled, "Bits of Novelties," are making a tremendous hit around New York City.

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Al Stearns has been doing great playing on the Sam Meyers Circuit. Stearns is one of the few successful single colored acts in the East. He works all the time.

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There are more colored acts playing the I. B. A. time at present than any other circuit in the East, and the I. B. A. Circuit uses the White Rat contract —pllay or pay.

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Honey Johnson, the great colored monologue artist, is doing fine, as usual, in the East. Honey Johnson is one of the cleverest talkers in the ranks of the colored artists.

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Carita Day and Boys have secured European bookings. When the writer played at Newark, N. J., with the act he predicted success for it. It was great —it is greater.

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That new song by Billy Johnson, late of Cole & Johnson, "Sweethearts, One, Two and Three," is the sweetest song I've heard in many a day. It's "Molly, Darling, I Like That."

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Ringer and Bunch do a nice act, and the writer is expecting them in New York City soon. I predict great success for this act, as they are a pair of clever colored fellows.

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Ralph Nicholas has an idea up his sleeve for a musical act in vaudeville. It's great. I hope to be able to tell the readers of The Freeman more about this act in the near future.

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The Two Ashers just finished a successful tour of the W. S. Cleveland extensive circuit. Booked for return dates in all houses played. You all know the famous dancer, Kid Asher.

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Jones and Black, "Dat Dancin' Two," cleaned up on Mozart time. 'Tween you and me, dem two fellers can certainly dance a bit. Jones and Black, just come back—and still a big hit.

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Black Prince, of the Alabama Comedy Four, kindly note that the writer called at his home several times regarding the matter that was spoken of. Will call again when in New York City.

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Brockton, Mass., has three first-class vaudeville theaters, and is planning to have another one. The more the merrier. They all play colored acts. The audiences in Brockton like them.

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If that Voss Bill goes through when it come up again, why vaudeville actors can call the U. S. A. a grand, old place, and I predict success for the Voss Bill. The artist needs the Voss Bill.

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'Rastus Brown, the Dancer, is setting them wild all over the East. 'Rastus is dancing as he never danced before. They call him King 'Rastus in most of the Eastern cities. The white people all say he is a wonder.

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The Colored Vaudeville Ladies' Suffragette Society, C. V. L. S. S., wishes the writer to announce that they will continue their session in a few days. Go on, ladies! Wish you success. Good luck to the C. V. L. S. S.

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Vaughner, Patterson and Halliday, that great colored trio, have lots of good offers to play on the Coast and in the East; also several good offers from Germany. They are at present working steadily in the East, and their act is the hit of every bill they play on.

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Smith and La Rose work all the time. John Smith is a clever business man, with a different business method than any other colored artist in the East. John has a way all his own, and perhaps this has as much to do with Smith and La Rose's success as the really clever act they present.

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Los Cubanos, that great colored aerial act, is doing nicely. They are playing for W. S. Cleveland at present. They were a bit hig at the Dewey and Star Theaters, New York City. They were booked to played the Comedy Theater, Brooklyn, N. Y., but the stage was too low to hang their rigging on, so they had to let that engagement pass by; but they have lots of other nice time.

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The Manhatton Duo — Burton and Watts — report great success from Jamestown, N. Y., with Murray & Mackey Dramatic Company. They play Olean, N. Y., next. This clever duo of colored singers and dancers is a special feature with the above company. Watts is one of the best dancers representing the colored race, and Burton is a sweet singer, as well as the composer of several good songs.

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Tommy Carter, of the Farrell-Taylor Trio, was up to the C. V. B. A. rooms the other Sunday night, and he had some press notices with him acclaiming him the hit of the act he is with, and one of the cleverest colored comedians in the country. Tommy is booked solidly. He always is booked that way. The Farrell-Taylor Trio is a great act, and Tommy Carter is a great colored comedian.

LINCOLN THEATER, LOUISVILLE.

The Bert A. Williams "Lode o' Koal" Company spent the first three days of the week in Louisville, showing at the Masonic Theater. The Lincoln Theater entertained the entire company at a special matinee last Tuesday afternoon. The house was packed with friends of the members of the company, and all the performers of the regular cast of the Lincoln stock company outdid themselves in an effort to please the distinguished company. Mr. Williams himself, in response to the insistent calls of the enthusiastic crowd, mounted the stage and made quite a speech in his own inimitable style. The occasion was one which will be long remembered by the patrons of the Lincoln and the members of the Bert Williams Company.

THE AMUSE U THEATER NO. 2, AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

The Amuse U Stock Company will open this beautiful house Monday, October 25, with a strong cast and a full repertoire of high-class musical comedies, dramas and extravaganzas. The following artists will appear: The Moores, Allan and Ella; Minnie Jones, Marie Jackson; the Tansells, Frank and Aggie; George Lewis, Elbert Whitec the Amuse U Orchestra: Prof. Jackson, piano; Will Blake, cornet; Jack McDowell, bass; Alex. Dukes, drums.

Billy Henderson, our efficient stage director, sends hello to Piccolo Clarence Jones.

Amos Gilliard, Manzy Campbell, Henry Sapero, Emma Thornton, Alma (Sweetie) Harris, Beulah Henderson, write.

Mr. Fred A. Barraso, our genial manager, would like to hear from good talent at all times, male and female.

The company joins in sympathy with the relatives of Mrs. Kitty Brown, and feels that the public has lost one of its most talented artists.

THE COLORED SECTION OF MARTIN'S UNCLE TOM'S CABIN CO.

Everybody is well and sends regards to The Freeman and friends in and out of the profession. We are still playing to packed houses. Mr. Alexander Jones, that minstrel man, joined in Lancaster. Gus Collins sends regards to Bert Williams and company. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkens have also joined the show. Mr. Frank Many, that song book man, is still with us, and sends regards to The Freeman. Coleman would like to know what is the matter with P. J. Copper; he doesn't write. Mr. J. Addison closed with the show to join the Smart Set No. 2. Lew Francis, Walter Reeves, C. A. Jones and Ed Betters send regards to The Freeman and friends. J. C. Coleman sends regards to R. C. White. S. B. Burkes is making a decided hit singing "Cubanola Glide" and "Wedding Bells" in the straight quartette, which is composed of Lew Francis, tenor; S. B. Burkes, second tenor; Gus Collins, basso; Walter Reeves, second basso. Lew Francis sends regards to Grant, with Cole and Johnson.

LEE'S STOCK COMPANY IN CINCINNATI.

A scream from start to finish is Lee's Stock Company, now playing at the Pekin Theater, Cincinnati. A company of clever artists is all that can be said of them. Miss Warneta Wilson, male impersonator, was without a doubt the hit of the bill. She simply "ate it up," so to speak. Mr. Herman Brown, as "Sam" in the Model Family, would make the Sphinx laugh if she could see him. He is great. Vance Lowry, as the husband, is indeed a good worker, and deserves much praise for his execution of his lines. His banjo solo in the vaudeville bill is one of the best ever. Mrs. E. D. Lee cannot be improved upon in the role of "the wife," a woman of natural manner and grace, she makes "a wife." She makes the boys all say, "I love my steady gal, but oh, you Madam!" Last, but not least, James Heydon starts them laughing as he appears, and for the sake of aching sides and laughing tears Manager Lee allows him only fifteen minutes, in which time he surely makes good. His song, "You Ain't Talking to Me," with parody verses, brought forth cheer after cheer.

In all, the Pekin has one of the best shows every witnessed at Mr. Dempsey's Fifth street playhouse. S. R. O. at every performance.

OPENING THE SHOW IN VAUDEVILLE

By **Bradford.**

The most detested spot on any bill by a vaudeville artist is tha tof opening the show, but somebody must open every show and the writer thinks that it is safe to say without fear of contradiction that all acts cannot open a vaudeville show successfully, and any act that can open the show in some vaudeville house and make an impression are indeed in the writer's opinion, a wonderful act. It has been the talk and point of many debates among colored artists for a great many years regarding this very important question of why do most managers of high class vaudevile theaters in America always or nearly always want most colored artists to open th open the show. The reason advanced by the writer is that as stated in The Freeman in a past issue, most real managers think all colored acts can make good any place on any bill and they usually do make good or they soon sing or vanish into oblivion in the vaudeville world, the writer has observed that there are several of the colored artists in the east who have never had a better position on any bill in New York City than opening the show and still they have a good rating with some of the managers. The writer will not name any person or persons who have made the mistake of their lives by walking out of the theaters, when managers have requested them to open shows, some people who are well known to all artists, managers and agents are now playing the smaller circuits at limited salaires, who have no more business 'in them than a rhinoceross of hippotamus has at a Gumbo supper, and all through not thinking, brother artists, you not only hurt yourselves, but you hurt every other colored artist who is struggling for a livelihood when you don't stop and look before you 'eap. Now don't take this article wrong. I don't mean to not ask for better positions on bills, but there's a way to ask, and if you ask the right way and at the right time, lovely, clever, don't think because you have got a couple of thousand dollars in your pocket that you can buck against the millions of dollars of the numerous vaudeville syndicates. They can hold out longer than you can if you believe in walking out. Don't laugh at this, but think it over carefully and remember that if you get the salary you are satisfied with from the manager, why, you are nothing out on Saturday night if you open or close the show. In fact, brothers and sisters, there are some advantages in opening the show in some places where the writer has played. You don't have to come in contact with confliction of any similar acts that may be on the bill with you. Sometimes the first crack at the audience is the best, and you are through early every afternoon and evening and as a general rule can easily make good connections with railroads for your next stand, and if the manager has saw you act before or has received good reports of it, and he is a real manager, he realizes that you are at a slight disadvantage in opening the show and your report at his theater is usually good or fair, where if you had confliction that was of the right nature on the bill your report might read bad and kill some of your chances for the bright future which every thinking artist looks forth to. There is a certain colored act from the west who, to make use of the old saying, stole into New York on snow shoes, and made good and have in a very short time established themselves at a certain office as two good fellows and why, just because they have shown what every colored or white artist shows, that is, that they have got enough mother wit to not ruin their own chances of getting along in life, and if colored crab, other colored artists by crabbing another brother. I mean not thinking about the stumbling block you throw in your own way in refusing to concede a point to gain a point in your chosen profession. I write this little article at the request of several of my friends to express my opinion on the subject. Brothers and sisters, don't cut a hog. Excuse the slang phrase. But please try and retain what little prestage that you can gain or have gained in vaudeville, and if you accept an engagement play it, no matter how painful. Opening th eshow isn't half as bad as it seems, and if your act can make good opening some vaudeville shows at some theaters, then you can realize that you have really got an act. Then ask for a spot and if the manager is ready for you to get that spot, why, you will get it. Think it over, brothers. Get all the money yuo can possibly get for your act, and if you get enough to suit you, don't fail to remember that somebody has got to open the show.

OBSERVATION OF FIDDLER & SHELTON,

Smart, Clever, Prominent Colored Vaudevillians.

By **Bradford.**

Fiddler & Shelton came into New York City a short time ago practically unknown to New York vaudeville managers and in the space of a couple of years have risen to be one of vaudeville's most talked-of and highest salaried colored teams. Much credit must be given these two young colored men, as they have got one of the best colored acts of the kind the writer has ever witnessed. The writer is not acquainted with Fiddler and Shelton, but he has merely observed them from time to time and he has been favorably impressed by them, not by what they have already done or what they will do in the future, but with what they are doing right now. The most talked of colored act in America to-day, and all by their sure fire business methods and grand ability as artists. The writer saw Harry Fiddler with several good colored shows in the past and he has always been a big hit. The present act of Fiddler and Shelton is composed of singing, talking, piano playing and mimicry. Harry Fiddler is one of vaudeville's greatest mimics. The writer caught the act at Hammerstine's Victoria Theater a short time ago and it was one of the hits of a splendid vaudeville bill, in an early position, remember, dear readers, that to write vaudeville show news a writer must be acquainted with the vaudeville show business, and if it is not saying too much, the writer wishes to say that he knows, or rather is slightly acquainted with the vaudeville end of it backwards from A to Z, consequently he can say, without fear of contradiction, that Fiddler and Shelton did something in vaudeville in New York tha no other colored vaudeville act has done to date. They came into New York City and advertised themselves to the extent of hundreds of dollars and through the Eastern press their excellent act they became known quicker than any preceeding colored act to date. There are colored acts just as good as Fiddler and Shelton. All colored acts are good, but Fiddler and Shelton are an example of get up and hustle, take advantage of your chances, colored vaudevillians. This act is now playing the great Orpheum Circuit. The writer will be pleased to interview Fiddler and Shelton when they reach New York City again, in behalf of the Indianapolis Freeman, then the dear readers of The Freeman can have these two clever colored artists' own story. The writer has herein wrote just his personal observation of this truly great colored vaudeville pair—Fiddler & Shelton.

WM. McCABE'S GEORGIA TROUBADOURS.

The disagreeable cold and rainy spell has passed, at least for a time, and the autumn days look very encouraging to us from a business point of view. The towns along the railroad lines that we play depend largely upon the farmers, and their glad handshaking and merry laughter when they meet each other give evidence that they are prosperous. Consequently our management can smile when the long green comes in the houses every night, and the performers, of course, come in for their complacent feelings on salary day. We receive The Freeman every week, and as we give no matinees, it is a real pleasure to sit down by the bright fire in the hotel parlor or office and peruse the lines telling of the successes of so many brother and sister performers throughout this country and Europe.

Manager William McCabe has surrounded himself with a very capable and efficient company, and he himself, I must say, as a comedian and funmaker, has a style of delivering the goods which is entirely different from any of the comedians that I have had the pleasure of working with. He stands in a comedy class out of the ordinary, and is well known all over this country, especially by opera house managers and hotel keepers, as a great lover of fried chicken.

By the way, we were to make a certain town not long ago, and he wired the hotel keeper to have everything in readiness. The proprietor, knowing his weakness for the pullet, was ready to receive us. We arrived at 12:30 p. m. and repaired to the dining room, and there, sitting upon the table, smelling delicious, were twelve fried chicks, together with everything else palatable and appetizing, and the girls and boys certainly did justice to it. We left there voting the hotel to be the Button-Buster House.

We are featuring two new and original chicken songs, "What Is Home Without a Chicken?" words and music by William McCabe and Clever Billy Young, and "That Ragtime Rooster," by Billy Young and Prof. Norman Thomas.

Clever Billy Young, who is considered one of the most refined versatile and straight men in the colored profession, is meeting with unbounded success in his inimitable style of ease and grace in which he handles each part assigned to his care.

Prof. Norman Thomas is a young man with a promising future as a musician.

Misses Edna McCabe and Rosie Thomas, in their beautiful sister act entitled "The Human Canary Birds," are a big hit.

Tom Warren, the tenor soloist, always gets requests from the ladies for a repetition of his songs each night.

Happy Jack Windbush, the rising and brilliant young comedian, is giving great satisfaction.

We are looking forward to our Thanksgiving date with pleasure.

We are sorry to learn of the continued illness of Mrs. L. H. Young, of Lexington, Ky.; wife of Clever Billy Young. We sincerely hope for her speedy convalescence.

Kind remembrances to the profession in general.

PITTSBURG SHOW SHOP.

By **Jassimine.**

Everything is going lovely along the Avenue. We are still having the finest kind of weather, and business is very good at the playhouses. The Star is still running its stock company, but the Fulton has gone back to vaudeville for the winter.

Pittsburg is to have a society among the professional people, too, as New York has its Frogs and Chicago has its Goats. A movement is on foot to organize a society in this city, the result of which will appear in these columns next week. Interested in this movement are the following young men: R. A. Bush, J. E. Lain, G. Harry Bolden, Walter Williams, Jos. McCloud and Billie Butler.

Matt Henson, Peary's colored companion on his trip to the Pole, is in the city this week, lecturing at the Grand Opera House.

Musicians' Union, Local No. 471, will give their third anual ball at Metropolitan Hall, Tuesday evening, November 9, and the event is being looked forward to with much interest, as these boys are known to be first-class entertainers.

James W. Myers, the popular and well-known cornetist with Robinson's orchestra, has been appointed leader of the Damon Lodge K. of P. band, formerly the First Brigade Band.

Mr. Robert Williams, chairman of the house committee of Iron City Lodge No. 17, I. B. P. O. Elks, gave a banquet in honor of Beatty's Orchestra, of this city, at the Elks' rest, on Fulton street, last Sunday evening, which proved to be one of the grandest affairs of the season. A splendid program was rendered, including a solo by G. Harry Bolden, 'cello solo by John Lain, and a bell solo by Billie Butler, also several numbers by the orchestra, which is composed of the following: Riley S. Lethwick, director; J. R. Williams, clarinet; James Beatty, cornet; J. E. Lain, 'cello; William King, trombone; Frank Nolden, double bass; Foster White, piano, and Billie Butler, trap drummer. R. Anthony Bush, pianist at the Fulton Theater, shared honors with the orchestra, and G. Harry Bolden acted as toastmaster.

Oma Crosby and her Kinky Girls are at the Family Theater this week, and are without doubt the hit of the bill, as they present one of the finest singing and dancing acts ever seen in this city. Miss Crosby, besides being an exceptionally clever performer, is the possessor of a very good voice, and, above all, knows just how to use it. The other members of the act are far above the ordinary, and deserve great credit for their work. All in all, it is one of the best acts seen in this city in a long time.

McKissick and Shadney are playing at the Grand Theater in Homestead this week, and are doing fine, appearing as headliners on the bill.

Billie Bettors, the well-known comedian, has closed with the Reese Brothers and is now taking a much needed rest in this city, after which he will returne to vaudeville.

Earl Walker, the comedian, having closed with the Fulton stock company, will be seen in vaudeville in the very near future. He will play the Morganstern circuit.

THE STAR.—The Ed Winn Stock Company presented "The Barbers' Picnic" in a capable manner, and it was well received. In this sketch the entire company is seen to great advantage. A special feature of the performance was the "Nifty Dance" by the Misses Palmer and Smith and Messrs. Gordon and Meggs, which was very good, all four of the participants being very clever dancers. The rest of the company was up to the average, and the sketch bids fair to draw large crowds all the week.

THE FULTON.—The patrons of this popular little house were treated to a great surprise when they reached its doors last Monday night, as the sign in front of the house said "Vaudeville to-night." However, the surprise was a pleasant one, for those who were there were given one of the best vaudeville treats presented on th Avenue in a long time. This house is now being managed by Bob Baker, the well-known vocalist, who has been in the employ of the proprietor for almost a year, and he bids fair to become very popular in that capacity. The bill this week included the Loyd Twins, a very good sister act; Bob Johnson, a good monologist, and Brooks and Lee, a very clever pair of singers and dancers; also moving pictures.

AGREES WITH FIDDLER AND SHELTON

Editor The Freeman:

I find in your issue of the 2nd inst., an article by Mr. J. W. Hamilton, of A. G. Allen show, indorsing the Fiddler and Shelton comment, "Non Applaudies," and attempting to discuss the Southern Negro-s lack of sense of appreciation, when shows presenting Negro artists are offered for their entertainment and approval.

Kindly allow me space to say that I indorse the Fiddler and Shelton idea, as it may be applied to those performers who work hard for years to make their acts a success, and who regularly present us with something new, original, clean and interesting, but I fail to see that this applies to the numbers of colored shows and acts now touring the South, as this performer confesses, depending on rough house acts, introducing the usual incorrigable scrapper, who pulls off a pistol duel or razor scrap, or that old relic, the Negro of 100 years ago who "lays down his 'ligeon" to do a little busk and winging, and carries his wife off stags astride his back as a finishing touch.

With the number of colleges and other schools turning out each year bright men and women, and capable singers and performers on band and orchestral instruments, th eintelligence of the Negro playgoer in the South has gradually outgrown that of the average Negro performer seen here, and in the absence of a Sylvester Russel, a Juli Jons, a Walton, or a Bradford in this field to draw the attention of the colored profession to this fact, in a convincing manner, we, the playgoer, get mostly the ancient acts rehashed, or private acts badly played, with the result that applause that should be given is not forthcoming, and as this player states in some cases the act fails to hold the attention of the audience. Good shows, also individual performers, who deliver the goods are given generous applause and timely ovations, inquire of the Black Patti Co., Shermon Dudley and others of this type.

The tent show playing in this section is not patronized by the intelligent Negroes, therefore the tent show performer is not in a position to render competent judgment along this line, or he would know that the colored brother down here is pretty well taken care of in the matter of being taught to see and appreciate the efforts of the profession. The fact is, to use an old southern saying, this brother "must sweep before his own door, before he attempts to clean up for his neighbor; there is room for much missionary work right within his own ranks.

Edwin L. Mason.

Savannah, Ga.

MR. LAWRENCE CHENAULT.

Being a Brief Sketch of that Most Eminent Young Colored Actor.

By **Bradford.**

Mr. Lawrence Chenault is a colored actor in all that the word actor implies. He is a well trained, experienced actor of the repertoire type. Mr. Chenault learned most of his acting under the tutorship of our most eminent colored instructor, producer, writer and actor, Mr. J. Ed. Green. Mr. Chenault was late a member of the world famous colored aggregation known as the Pekin Stock Co. It was while with that organization that Mr. Chenault played most capably over thirty different and distinct parts. Mr. Chenault has also been connected with such well known colored companies as William && Walker's Abysinnia Co., and others. This season Mr. Chenault is playing the part of the Captain with S. H. Dudley's "His Honor the Barber Co." Mr. Chenault's home is in Indianapolis, Ind.

BERT WILLIAMS WINS WEST

Greatest Living Comedion Has Scored in Musical Comedy.

BY THOMAS WALLACE SWANN.

"Mr. Lode of Koal," the newest joy producer of the stage, has upset the mimic world. Nothing to compare with it—for in very truth it is without model or shadow. From a purely musical standpoint it beggars description. It is the most satisfactory and tuneful music that has been heard in America the past quarter of a century. One song alone gives distinction to the wonderfully pleasing production, "The Harbor of Lost Dreams," which will hold the memory of those who have the rare fortune to hear it sung by this matchless chorus, long after composer and singer shall have passed into the eternal hence. As for songs, they are there in bunches, and every one is a hit. "Goodbye" and "Old Mandalay" have the stamp and flavor of old wine, and it is difficult to make one believe that they are the dream-children of Afro-American composers; but they are. The stage pictures and the costuming are revelations and reflect great credit upo nthe creators of this marvelous musical comedy. Messrs. Jesse Shipp, Alex Rogers, J. Rosamund Johnson, J. J. Vaughn and Bert A. Williams appear in the advertisements as the show builders. This quintette has scored a new note in this production. The resultant product shows a skill and theme heretofore unrecognized in the lighter work of the stage. It has what may be termed the spiritual sincerity of symbolism. "Mr. Lode of Koal" is the reflection of the individual quality of the men and women who actually portray the play rather than a drawn-out rendition of the creator's theme. Here is portrayed the true fundamentals of all art, the correct idea which proceeds from the quality of individual genius, from a deep sense of feeling and love for the work—from the fullness of its art sense. So with philosophy, so with art. The greatest and perhaps sole use of philosophy is, after all, merely negative, and instead of discovering truth, has only the modest merit of preventing error. Philosophy does not supply us with the facts of life. The facts of the outer life are testified to by physical senses; the facts of the inner life are testified to by the spiritual senses. So with art. In its highest sense it is the embodiment of feeling.

"Mr. Lode of Koal," aside from its artistic value, is an educational factor of large ment, and this, after all, is the distinguishing obligation the great American public owes to Bert A. Williams, more than to any other public servant of the time. By his persistency in staying before the footlights, in every part of the great Republic of the New World, and displaying his powers as an artist, he has compelled men and women in every statio nin life to "Stop, look and listen!" By this token he has made a contribution of inestimable proportion to America's most perplexing sociological problem.

The influence of the stage, the dramatist and the musician is difficult to estimate. That poet was not far wrong when he said:

> "Let me
> Write your songs, and I care not who
> makes your laws."

The theater has an educational value that cannot be gainsaid nor discounted. Mr. Williams, in spite of the impossible characters he usually essays, belongs to the advanced idea i nthe drama—has always identified himself with it—because of his inherent temperament and his artistic devotion to his work. Because of the spirit of are which dwells within the man—because of the message which a divine Providence has implanted in his heart!

In his present production, the playwrights did not waste their time on his part. It is impossible to perfect a vehicle for the play of his artistic talents. It is enough to known that in any role which he essays he invests the character with flesh and blood and being. With him in the spotlight there is always something doing, and it is all giltedge. He not only make you giggle—he makes you think; i. e., if you have any thinking capacity. If you have imagination, if you have a love for truth, he sends you home with a sigh in your heart—a sigh for the day when the play-paying public shall wake up! By and by it will come to its cosmic sense and we shall revel to our heart's content in the finer possibilities of the comic and tragic products of the sunburned children of destiny. Thanks to the inestimable labors of Bert Williams, and those who have shared his inspiration, we are nearing this day of better things. For if we are to be encouraged by the enthusiastic audiences which crowd their performances at the Great Northern, the play-paying public (in Chicago, at least) is ready to welcome and to give financial support to the best.

The absence of George W. Walker and Aida Overton Walker from this year's cast has ceased to be a matter of comment. Indeed, it is only to understand the scheme of the new production to know the reason. In truth, there is no place in the cast for either one of these very excellent artists. As a dancer, Miss Nevarro has set a new pace in Chicago, and the applause which is so generously given her work is genuine, both in its quality and character. The individual work of Tom Brown, J. Leubrie Hill and James H. Thomas is novel, pleasing and highly effective. Lottie Grady, Minnie Brown, Miss Young and Mrs. Payne are a quartette of artists that will always be remembered when "Mr. Lode of Koal" is under discussion. As for Alex Rogers, he does a style of work that is ne wto the Afro-American upon the stage. He is quick, imaginative, and pulsing with feeling. All in all, "Mr. Lode of Koal" can be classed as a truly marvelous and thoroughly artistic triumph. Manager Shoemaker is justified in wearing his Jack-Johnson-I-told-you-so smile, while getting ready for his Broadway run, which begins November 8th.

KANKAKEE, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

Miss Dollie Wilson left Kankakee for Atkinson College, Madison, Ky....M. Benson, of Chicago, is visiting friends in Kankakee this week....Mr. James Roberson and wife were in Sheldon, Ill., to bury Mr. Roberson's father, who died October 16.

SHREVEPORT, LA.

Special to The Freeman.

Miss Lizzie Norrington, Mrs. Emma Cheviot and other leading ladies of this city, who have been working earnestly for the last two or three years, have at last succeeded in establishing an orphans' home in the suburbs of the city.

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SPORTING NOTES.

By Harry W. Jackson.

Zbyszko—whatever it is—wants to grapple with Gotch.

James J. seems to be more stage-struck than fight-struck.

Princeton's defeat by Lafayette gives Harvard a line on the Tigers' strength.

In the Cornell College-Monmouth College football game Sprague, of Monmouth, sustained a broken leg.

The annual field day exercises of the Rush county schools were held last Saturday at the Rush county fair ground.

The Colma arena will hold ten thousand people, which means that every person would have to pay $7.50 to produce $75,000.

Edgar Hahn, right fielder of the White Sox, took to his home in Nevada a wife, formerly Miss Josie Reese, of Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

The biggest gate ever received for a fight in San Francisco was $63,340, which was for the Jeffries.Corbett championship fighter. Wonder if that $75,000 offer out there will pay.

Although Young Erne won his bout with Johnny Willetts at Philadelphia last week, he did not make a strong impression by his showing. Erne was only half trained. The fight was under the auspices of the Douglass Athletic Club.

Notre Dame has asked Marquette University to transfer their annual Thanksgiving game to Chicago, but the request was not granted. Notre Dame's reasons for asking for a transfer were on account of financial considerations.

Now that Ketchel has fought and lost to Jack Johnson, the only fellow now "capable" of doing the work is James J. Jeffries, ex-heavyweight champion. It was hoped by the fans that Stanley would defeat Johnson. Had the Michigander won his bout, it would evidently, indirectly, have placed a plume in Jeffries' cap, even if he had to place it there himself. He, being a better fighter than Ketchel, judging by his past record only, would no doubt say that he is Johnson's superior. Though he says it now, he could have said it with more ease and confidence, and rubbed it in on the public. But stanley lost; Jeffries is the only "hope," and everybody is now from Missouri.

Jeffries' talk of his slaughter-to-come of the "big black" has gradually lost so much of its weight until there is not much steam to whistle. Several months ago it was "Jeffries said this, that and the other." But Jim was barking then. They say barking dogs never bite. Well, Jim has been barking for nigh on to a year, and it's time to show his teeth. There was a time, since "Artha" has become champion of fighters, when the white race had a world of confidence in the Californian's say-so, but that was yesterday, and not today. Johnson's three fights since his defeat of Tommy Burns at Sydney, Australia, for the world's championship, have won him promience as a fighter of rare caliber, and his chances of winning over Jeffries, which we have never doubted, are being considered with more sincerity by the fight experts and critics of the country than ever before. Jeffries' only drawback—only drawback—for his fight with Johnson was his condition, but since his return from Europe he reports that he is in good form. Articles are signed. A little more wrangling, and then the fight.

SQUIRES LICKED AGAIN.

Special to The Freeman.

MELBOURNE.—Bill Lange, the Australian pugilist, Ocober 25, knocked out Bill Squires, of Australia, in the twentieth round. They fought for the heavyweight championship of Australia.

WANT GAME WITH "HERKS."

Special to The Freeman.

PADUCAH, Ky.—The Lincoln High School of this city would like to hear from the Indianapolis Herculeans, Central High School of Louisville, Ky., Pearl High School of Nashville, Tenn., Lane College, Sumner High School of St. Louis, Mo., and Sedalia College.

ANTI-BETTING BILL CONSTITUTIONAL.

Special to The Freeman.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The First district court of appeals has decided that the Walker-Otis anti-betting bill, passed by the last legislature, was constitutional and remanded to jail Frank O'Shea, who was arrested to test the law. O'Shea was arrested for having accepted bets on a coursing match.

NEGRO GAUGERS AT TELL CITY.

Special to The Freeman.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—(Special.)—At the office of the collector of the Seventh internal revenue district it is said the two Negro gaugers assigned to Tell City no doubt will be continued on duty there, notwithstanding objection by the people for racial reasons. Both have been in the service for ten years, most of the time when on duty being assigned to the fruit brandy districts in the southern part of the State. This is the first time they have been sent to Tell City.

BOUT CALLED OFF.

Kid Harper Fails to Meet Anderson—Sheriff Interferes.

Special to The Freeman.

ANDERSON, Ind.—Sheriff Mountain has put an end to an effort by local followers of the boxing game to arrange a match between Ben Harper, of Indianapolis, a colored boxer, and one of this city, at a suburban pleasure resort. Plans were going along smoothly for the match, and challenges had been made for others. The sheriff, backed by Prosecutor Van Nuys, then stepped in and said there would be no fights.

WOULD PLAY THE HERCULEANS.

Joliet (Ill.) Football Teams Anxious for Games.

Special to The Freeman.

JOLIET, Ill.—The Colored Athletics, of this city, have a rusky team of about 150 or 1 5 pounds, and have beaten all the teams they have met so far this season. Their 1908 record was so good that the neighboring white teams refused to play them. Managing Captain Miller has secured several games to be played. They expect to play the Douglass Center of Chicago for the colored State championship. The Athletics would like to hear from the Herculeans of Indianapolis.

SID HESTON MAKES BIG OFFER.

Special to The Freeman:

SAN FRANCISCO.—Sid Hester offers Jack Johnson and Jim Jeffries a guaranteed purse of $75,000, with privilege of taking 75 per cent. of gross and 50 per cent. of moving picture privileges, the bout to be from twenty to one hundred rounds, as principals may decide.

Hester will post $25,000 on the day articles are signed and the remaining $50,000 one month prior to contest, or will post any amount principals want when articles are signed. He has a world of money behind him.

POOR JACK IN IT AGAIN.

Special to The Freeman:

CHICAGO.—Jack Johnson is a victim of persecution everywhere he goes, so he says. The heavyweight champion, who was made defendant in a suit for $2,000 filed by Yank Kenney, a former sparring partner, told his troubles last night, and at the same time exhibited a receipt in full from Kenney, bearing the date of August 17 last.

"You see, every one thinks I am easy," said the champion, "and for that reason I am the subject of all sorts of suits. This Kenney matter is of the same nature as the levying on my automobile by Sam Fitzpatrick, my old maager. Fitz had no claim on me, but he knew he could cause me a lot of trouble, and perhaps get some moeny out of me."

P. G. LOWERY MINSTRELS EN ROUTE WITH WALLACE & HAGENBECK CIRCUS.

We showed at New Orleans, October 22, 23, 24, to big business, and while in the city we met a bunch of old-time friends. Our company was banqueted by Williams and Stevens, Bessie La Belle and Joe Simms at the Midway cafe. We have had a fine season this year, and are now on our way home.

BELLS SILENT FOR TWELVE YEARS.

On the wall in the immediate rear of the collector of the port's desk in the custom house in Savannah are three electric push buttons, placed there fifteen years ago for the convenience of the collector in calling his assistants at the other end of the building. The three assistants have always during this time been white men. John H. Deveaux, colored, was collector of the port for twelve years. He never touched one of these buttons. The three bells bear silent witness to the discretion, deference and regard for the proprieties which were characteristic of the man.—*Savannah Press.*

KETCHEL TO TAKE REST.

Langford Loses Chance to Meet Middleweight Champion in 1909.

Special to The Freeman:

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—That Stanley Ketchel will not accept any engagements for Thanksgiving Day, and probably not until after the first of the year, was announced by Manager Britt. The latter decleared under no conditions would Ketchel be ready to fight in November. That means there is no chance of a 1909 battle between Langford and Ketchel.

CRAWFORD GETS RAISE IN SALARY.

Special to The Freeman.

DETROIT.—Sam Crawford has signed a contract for two more years with the Tigers at a big boost in salary. It is understood that he will draw a stipend second only to Cobb's, and that it will be well over $5,000 a year.

With the Tiger stars signing up so quickly, it is becoming apparent that the club is circumventing the national commission's rule and is rewarding them for getting into a third world's series in the same manner as last year—salary advances all around. President Navin practically admitted this when he said:

"The Detroit ball club will not stint in cases where men deserve the money. It is my air to satisfy those deserving."

Trainer Tuthill gets his raise with the others.

WHAT THE SOUTHERN MEN FEAR.

Men from States where the black race predominates express considerable concern over the proposed Negro disfranchisement in Maryland. W. R. Forrest, of New Orleans, gives voice to his objections, first stating that disfranchisement is not necessary where the Negroes are in such a small minority as in Maryland. He adds: "I have an even stronger reason for hoping the proposed amendment will be beaten in Maryland. I do not want the question carried to the United Itates Supreme Court from this quarter, as it surely would be if the change were inaugurated. In most of the Southern States the voting is now done almost exclusively by white citizens. We do not wish any change in this condition, but if limited suffrage were declared invalid in Maryland, the same decision would affect Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina, and cause a renewal of political and social troubles."

AS WAS THE FIGHT.

Moving Pictures of the Johnson-Ketchel Bout Show J. J. as a Champion.

CHICAGO.—Moving pictures of the Johnson-Ketchel fight, which reached Chicago Monday of last week, show Jack Johnson to be a real champion fighter.

On the screen it is seen that the big Negro merely toyed with Ketchel from start to finish. He shows great skill and care in the opening rounds, and his exceeding cleverness is demonstrated in the way he manages to dodge the vicious swings of Stanley.

The celebrated shift of the Michigan lion that we have heard so much about evidently was left behind or forgotten. Every time Ketchel attempted to get into position to use it Johnson was right there with a wallop that made the white boy forget all about it.

According to the pictures, it was a great fight, and Ketchel took a terrible beating throughout. Johnson handles Ketchel as lightly as if he were swinging Indian clubs when they get together in the clinches, and shoves him about at will all the way through.

Ketchel managed to land just one of those vicious swings of his, and by the tim ehe got it in he evidently was weak and tired. Up to this point the best he could do was an occasional jab to the body or a punch to the face.

In the twelfth round the climax comes. The swing seems to land just behind Johnson's ear, and the big Negro drops to the floor. He seems dazed for a moment, and then gets up slowly. Once on his feet there is a mighty rush, and Ketchel is seen to totter and fall under a perfect rain of blows. Johnson trips on Ketchel's prostrate form, and also tumbles to the floor, but quickly regains his feet and looks on while the referee counts the fallen man out.

FIGHTERS MEET AND SIGN ARTICLES FOR FIGHT

Winner Gets 75 Per Cent.—Referee to Be Selected—Fight to Come Off Not Later than July 5, 1910.

NEW YORK.—Jack Johnson and James J. Jeffries—for Johnson insisted that, as champion, his name should go first—signed articles in New York late Friday afternoon of last week, binding them to fight forty-five or more rounds to a finish, not later than July 5, 1910, before the club offering the best financial inducement, the winner to take a side bet of $10,000 and 75 per cent. of the purse, the loser to take 25 per cent.

The preliminary discussion was scheduled for 3 o'clock in the banquet hall of the Hotel Albany. Jeffries and his manager were punctual to the minutes, but Johnson elbowed his way diffidently through the crowd ten minutes late. At the table, as the men took their places, sat Jeffries, with Bob Vernon at his left, Sam Berger, his manager, at his right, and other well-known sporting men.

Jeffries eyed the Negro curiously, but did not meet his glance. Johnson was affable, but showed his nervousness by his frequent grins and his constant licking of two red dice, which he carried half concealed in the palm of his right hand.

Pose for Photographer.

Both principals posed for the photographer, and when the smoke of the flashlights had cleared, promptly got down to business. Jeffries let Berger do this talking, but Johnson broke in frequently on his manager, George Little, with suggestions and objections.

It was agreed without dispute that the men would box for the heavyweight championship of the world. At this point Johnson insisted that the present champion's name should precede the retired undefeated champion's name in the written agreement. To this Jeffries quickly assented. Berger then suggested that the fight go to the club making the highest responsible bid within the next thirty days. Little agreed, but Johnson, shaking his head dubiously, asked that each bid be accompanied by a $5,000 forfeit, as a guarantee of good faith. Jeffries nodded and Berger gave his consent.

"And have a man on the ground with the coin," stipulated Johnson. The stenographer inserted a clause to that effect.

So far it had been easy sailing, but when the question of a referee was raised the crowd edged forward expectantly. Little, for Johnson, wanted to name his choice. For the first time Jeffries broke in.

Club to Have a Voice.

"Let the club that gets the bid have a word," he ordered. "They've got as much at stake as we have. Let it wait."

Little was for arguing the point, but Johnson was for conciliation. "Well, let it go," he urged. "That's all right."

The number of rounds was next in order. "So far as I go," said Jeffries, "I don't care if it's six, ten, twenty, or a hundred rounds; but I know what the public will demand, and I am going to see they get it—it means a finish."

At this the crowd cheered until Bob Murphy had to outroar them for order. But Johnson was not satisfied. He feared a San Francisco club, where only twenty round bouts are allowed, might get the bid, and in that event insisted that twenty rounds should be specified.

"Then 'Frisco won't get the fight," announced Jeffries decisively. "Make it forty-five rounds or more."

Swallowing his objections, the Negro agreed.

There was still the rock on which most agreements split—the division of the purse. To the surprise of the crowd, bith men protested that they were willing to fight, winner take all, or 60 and 40 per cent., or 75 and 25 per cent., and on the latter basis it was stetled.

Question of a Side Bet.

The side bet caused more difficulty. Jeffries wanted to wager $20,000. Johnson, more cautious, offered $5,000. Little, his manager, wanted to lay the money at ringside odds, "as a business proposition." As a compromise they agreed to let the $5,000 already posted to secure the present meeting stand, with $5,000 additional to be added forthwith.

"All right," assented Jeffries plaintively, "but I wanted that $20,000."

A great roar of laughter went up from the crowd, and even Johnson grinned. Bob Murphy, manager of the Hotel Albany, was chosen as temporary stakeholder, the final stakeholder to be chosen by the club.

"No, suh," said Johnson. "I has a say where my money goes."

"The club has more to say than either of us," put in Berger.

"No man has more to say about my money than I have," affirmed Johnson, shaking his head, yet he yielded while protesting.

Now only one crucial point remained: "When would they fight?"

As a finish fight had been agreed upon, it was the consensus of opinion at the matchmakers' table that either Nevada or California must get the winning bid. With thirty days for the bids to come in and sixty days more for the men to condition themselves in, the weather at the earliest would be too wet in California and too cold in Nevada. Both men agreed that, to accommodate the huge crowds sure to attend, the bout must be held out of doors. Berger further urged the necessity for ample training time.

And it was formally settled that a day "not later than July 5, 1910," be chosen. The deal was closed.

Again the principals posed for the flashlight men, champagne was served while the articles were being typewritten, and at 5:40 the binding signatures were affixed and witnessed.

The articles follow:

An agreement entered into this day between Jack Johnson and James J. Jeffries provides for the following:

1. They agree to box for the heavyweight championship of the world.
2. They agree to box before the club, organization or person offering the best financial inducements.
3. Bids for the contest must be submitted on December 1. 1909. at 3 p. m., at the Hotel Albany, New York City.
4. Each club ,organization or person making a bid for this contest must have a representative on the ground who will post $5,000 in coin or certified check to make good all stipulations of his bid.
5. The referee is to be selected when the club bid is accepted.
6. It is hereby agreed that the contest shall be forty-five rounds or more.
7. The purse shall be divided 75 per cent. to the winner and 25 per cent. to the loser.
8. Each of the contestants posts with Robert P. Murphy, of New York, as temporary stakeholder, the sum of $10,000. Of this sum, each posts $5,000 as a wager or side bet on the result of the contest, and $5,000 as a forfeit to guarantee compliance with these articles.
9. The contest shall take place not later than July 5, 1910.
10. It is hereby understood and agreed that the contest shall be fought under straight Marquis of Queensberry rules with five-ounce gloves.
11. The final stake and forfeit holder is to be decided upon when the club is selected.

Witness our hands and seals this 29th day of October, 1909.

(Signed) James J. Jeffries,
John Arthur Johnson.

Jeffries returned from Europe a week ago, and Johnson came East from Chicago for the meeting. Both men have many theatrical offers. and both their managers said that they would probably "scoop in a little expense money" before going into strict training.

Jeffries has been doing gymnasium work since his arrival here.

EXPENDITURES OF THE MAJORS.

The following table gives a statement of all money expended by both the American and National Leagues:

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Club.	Cash payments.	Additional payments if players are retained.
St. Louis	$11,100	$8,150
Philadelphia	4,950	......
Chicago	37,500	6,800
New York	21,000	1,000
Boston	19,700	13,200
Detroit	10,400	1,750
Cleveland	21,400	9,000
Washington	2,500	......
Totals	$128,550	$39,900

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Club.	Cash payments.	Additional payments if players are retained.
Brooklyn	$12,350	$4,700
Cincinnati	25,350	9,200
St. Louis	7,500	3,000
Chicago	1,750	100
Philadelphia	2,000	......
Pittsburg	9,500	1,500
New York	6,150	400
Boston	5,600	1,050
Totals	$70,200	$23,550

Drafted Players.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Philadelphia	$8,600
New York	4,600
Boston	6,250
Detroit	10,350
Cleveland	7,100
Chicago	11,350
St. Louis	4,100
Totals	$52,250

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Brooklyn	$10,850
Philadelphia	2,000
Pittsburg	5,850
Boston	3,250
St. Louis	6,550
Cincinnati	2,250
New York	3,900
Chicago	13,900
Totals	$48,550

Recapitulation.

Amount expended for purchased players:		
American League	$128,550	
National League	70,200—	$198,750
Amount expended for drafted players:		
American League	$52,250	
National League	48,550—	100,800
Total eash expenditure for players		$299,550
Additional amount to be paid if purchased players are retained:		
American League	$39,900	
National League	23,550—	63,450
Grand total		$363,000

Players Reserved.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Brooklyn	63
Chicago	49
Pittsburg	43
Cincinnati	49
New York	47
St. Louis	45
Philadlephia	31
Total	358

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Boston	55
Detroit	43
Chicago	58
Cleveland	60
Washington	29
New York	53
Philadelphia	53
St. Louis	49
Total	400

Brooklyn, of the National League, has the greatest number of men on the list, with a total of 63. Cleveland, of the American League, ranks next in total number of players, having *0. The St. Louis Browns have 49 players reserved for 1910, while the St. Louis Cardinals have 45.

WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, O.

Special to The Freeman.

Rev. S. White, the new pastor of the A. M. E. Church, has begun the work with great earnestness. We wish him success....The Hallowe'en social given by the ladies Friday evening was beyond expectations....Mrs. Stevens, of Mt. Vernon, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. C. May, of Yeoman street....Mrs. H. Stewart was visiting in Cleveland last week. ....Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodson, of Columbus, Ohio, were the guests of Mrs. L. Harris yesterday....Mrs. Gaines, of Dayton, Ohio, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. H. Mason.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. J. L. Ragan and daughter, Mrs. H. Grenley, who spent ten days in St. Louis, have returned home. They received much social attention. While in St. Louis they were guests of Mrs. C. Clarke, 2111 Pine street....Dr. J. W. T. Patterson has opened an office at 1121 West Chestnut street. He is a graduate of Meharry College and has a bright future....Miss Gonzella Greenley, the popular treasurer of the Lincoln Theater, spent a week in St. Louis, visiting friends.

WHAT OTHERS SAY OF US.

San Francisco, Cal., July 15, 1909.

Editor Freeman,
Indianapolis, Ind.

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CITY AND SOCIETY

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Mr. F. S. Heffroit, of Chicago, will locatein this city for the winter.

Miss Larkey Woodson entertained a few friends at tea last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Zelina Posey, who has been ill for several weeks, is now at Ward's Sanitarium.

The Elks will give a grand ball at the old Y. M. C. A. building, Monday evening, November 15.

Mr. Andrew "Rube" Foster, of the Leland Giants ball club, was in the city Monday, en route to New York.

Mrs. Sadie B. Dungey, G. W. C. of the Calanthe Courts of nIdiana, was in Muncie Thursday on official business.

F. I. Brown and Rev. N. A. Seymour are touring southern Indiana in the interest of the Sea Bird Gold and Mining Company.

Russell Smith, the musician, has develpode into quite a politician. He was active at the polls Tuesday in the interest of Dr. Morrison.

Mr. J. Louis Johnson, manager of the Glazier Jubilee Company of Chicago, was called here this week on account of the death of his step-mother.

All persons desiring news items to appear in THE FREEMAN will call New Phone 2880, this office, or send in same by mail not later than Wednesday, at 6 p. m.

Just across the street from the Claypool Hotel, at the old Y. M. C. A. building, the Elks will roam Monday evening, November 15. Admission, 35 cents.

All Saints' Day will be observed Sunday at St. Phillips Episcopal Church. Memorial services of the departed members of the church will be held. Services at 4 p. m.

P. S. Lowery and his company, of Wallace-Hagenbach Circus, Doc. Blaine, Carl W. Lee, of the Al G. Field's Greater Minstrels, were in New Orleans Oct. 24 and were given a grand reception at the Midway Cafe by Zedae Green.

Ted H. Bazel, who has been in the city for several months on business, left for Idaho, where he was called to the main office of the International Association of Pianists, where he hopes to be assigned to the State of Ohio, that he may have the pleasure of meeting his friends and brothers in Indianapolis and attending his lodges once a month — Masonic Lodge, Meridian No. 33, and K. of P. Lodge, Columbia No. 30. Mr. Bazel and Prof. Clarence Washington, of Calgary, Alberta, are among the heaviest stockholders of the association, and his many friends wish him the greatest success in his undertakings.

"HERKS" VS. ANDERSON GIANTS.

The Herculeans adn the Anderson Giants will play Sunday at Northwestern. Game caled at 3 p. m.

FIRST COUNTRY BALL.

The Hour Club will give their first country ball of the season at Odd Fellows' Hall, Thursday evening, November 18. Music by Theodore Ellis's Orchestra. Dancing from 8 to 1. General admission, 35 cents.

PROMINENT DRUGGIST DIES.

Charles Chavis, Purdue Graduate, Stricken White at Store.

Charles Chavis, a well-known business man, died Tuesday morning at his home at 515 Minerva street, following a paralytic stroke suffered the previous evening while at work at his drug store at the corner of Indiana avenue and California street. eH was 50 years old.

Mr. Chavis, before studying pharmacy, was a teacher in the public schools of Ohio and Indiana. Upon his graduation in pharmacy at Purdue University in 1895 he came to this city and had been in business here ever since. He was active in church and fraternal society circles, having been a member of Bethel A. M. E. Church and of high rank in Central Masonic Lodge. He was a member of Maceo Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

He is survived by a widow and daughter, Mrs. Clara and Miss Olivia Chavis; a sister, Mrs. Mamie Gardner of this city, and two brothers, Andrew and Alexander Chavis, of Carrier Mills and Glendale, Ill.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at Bethel A. M. E. Church. The Rev. G. H. Shaffer, former pastor of this church, assisted by the present minister, the Rev. T. A. Smythe, conducted the services. The burial was at Crown Hill Cemetery.

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Y. W. C. HOME NOTES.

Miss Deen of the Home was favored with a visit from Miss Olive Deen, Mrs. Smith and Miss Pearl Powell of South Bend last week.

Rev. A. Clayton Powell was a caller at the Home this week.

The Home is having a new coat of paint.

Miss Walker is in Illinois in the interest of the Home.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Last Sunday5s "Monster Meeting" was the record-breaker in all respects. Four hundred and twenty-four men were present, fifty-four taking a definite stand to lead a Christian life, and the collection amounted to $33.48, thus passing all other meetings ever held by this organization for men only. Dr. A. Clayton Powell, the speaker, made a masterful presentation of the truth to men from the subject, "An Awful Whirlwind." The playing of the orchestra and the singing of the Glee Club were features of the meeting.

On next Sunday the men who attend the "Monster Meeting" will receive a treat, when Prof. A. M. Hall will be the speaker. Many will remember Prof. Hall from last year, when he spoke on "The Problems of Life." This year he will speak on "Hitting the Line Hard." Prof. Hall, besides being a scholar and an orator, has always been interested in athletics, having been a star when Butler College led in State athletics. Prof. Hall is a graduate of Butler and also of Yale. Rll men are invited to attend the "Monster Meeting," which is held in Jones Tabernacle, corner of West North and Blackford streets, every Sunday at 3 p. m.

HOLDS MONSTER MEETING; EVANGELIST STIRS Y. M. C. A.

After Sermon on "An Awful Whirlwind," to Colored Men, by Dr. Powell, Fifty-Four Declare Conversion.

"An Awful Whirlwind" was the subject of a sermon which the Rev. Dr. A. Clayton Powell, an evangelist of New York City, preached at this season's first "Monster Meeting" of the Colored Young Men's Christian Association, in the Jones Tabernacle, Blackford and North streets, last Sunday afternoon.

Records, in attendance and money raised, for the last several years, were broken and religious enthusiasm and fervor also reached the high-water mark. By actual count 424 men taxed the auditorium to its capacity and responded to the urgent appeal of George L. Knox, chairman of the Finance Committee and vice-president of the organization, with a $33.85 collection. Fifty-four men were converted and more than a hundred promised to lead better lives.

"What then?" the preacher asked in one part of his sermon. "You may say you are living happily and easily and plans for the future are bright, but what will you do, after all? Where will you spend eternity?

"If you are not careful, it will be in an awful whirlwind, my friends," he continued. "Sin starts as a gentle breeze and slowly and surely increases and ends in a cyclone of death and destruction. Be alert and on your guard, and heavenly reward will follow.

"The best part of our religion," the Rev. Mr. Powell added, "is the bright and hopeful side. ..o matter how low and degraded you may be, the saving power of Jesus Christ is able to rescue you."

The preacher gave a number of illustrations to show what "religion" had done for others, and an enthusiastic chorus of "Amens!" and shouts and audible prayers almost drowned his voice at times. A handshaking rally followed, and officers of the association feel that the meeting was one of the best ever held. The Rev. Mr. Powell congratulated Indianapolis on having the largest Colored Young Men's Christian Association in the country, and said he thought this year would be the brightest in its history.

W. A. Kersey, president, and Thomas E. Taylor, general secretary, had charge of the meeting. Music was rendered by the organization's orchestra. The singing was led by its Glee Club. At the conclusion of the services the men formed in line and marched down the street to the nearby home of the Colored Y. M. C. A., and inspected its new furnishings and equipment.

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Mrs. Froney, of Chicago, was visiting here, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Anderson....Mrs. Emma Taylor Jones entertained the Misses Fanny Wise, Blanche Deas, Marjorie Sipp, Mattie Harris, Marie Young and Miss Williams, of "The Red Moon" company....Clarence King is open to meet any eighty-pound boxer in the Northwest....Miss Ada Wilson, of Kansas City, is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Eva Jones Hunt.

DEATH ON THE SPEEDWAY.

(Lines written on the death of Claude Kellum.)

Only a race track incident, you say?
Only an accident on the Speedway?
Look in the home at the empty chair,
See the young widow in helpless despair;
To her it means more than a passing event—
Her soul is crushed, her heartstrings are rent!
Above the race track's sickening noise
She hearts the sobs of her fatherless boys,
Who listen in vain for their "Papa's" kind voice,
Whose homecoming made their hearts to rejoice;
Sadly they long for the welcome good cheer
Of the voice to them so preciously dear.

Only a race track incident, you say?
Only a man died on the Speedway?
Is human life valued so lightly by man
That it may be sacrificed at half its span
In the maddening rush of a daredevil play,
Where reason and judgment are held at bay?
Bands are wildly playing, and guessing is rife,
While selfish ambition trifles with life;
May the God-given spirit be hurled in his face,
Just for the pleasure of a maniac race?
May lives be crushed out and aomes made sad,
All for the pleasure of the speed-record mad? —*Martha E. Keller, M. D.*
Indianapolis, Ind.

SOME POINTS MADE

From the Sermons of Rev. A. Clayton Powell, of New York City, Who Is Conducting a Union Revival Meeting in Indianapolis.

The Church is no longer judged by its creeds and confessions, but by its deeds.

You are holding this meeting not to get men into Heaven, but to get Heaven into men.

I came to Indianapolis not to help you to keep men out of hell, but to help you keep hell out of men.

There are not twelve people in any Church in Indianapolis who really desire to see the world saved.

The reason why many parents don't want their children saved is that they will have to stop carrying the beer can.

One word of praise righty bestowed on a woman while living is worth more than forty sermons delivered over her dead body.

You cannot be a Christian without the love of Christ, and if you love Him you will become an active member of His Church.

I am afraid of the Church member who goes around with his face as long as a fence rail and a basket of tribulations on his arm.

The majority of men do not care a lollipop for church doctrines, but they are looking for practical translation of the Spirit of Jesus in every-day life of our members.

No revival of religion is genuine that does not drive the Devil out of the heart, smash the idols in the home and elevate the citizenship of the community.

If you will show me a dancing, card-playing, theatergoing Christian that has won a single soul to Jesus in ten years, I will walk back to New York; you can not be a Christian.

An attempt to measure the influence of one woman is an attempt to measure the distance between the gates of perdition and the gates of eternal pearl.

Ahe professional and business men are leaders of the race, and no leadership can be permanent and helpful that is not surcharged with the principles taught by Jesus Christ and His Church.

In God's eyeview, any man who had rather die than lie, who had rather starve than steal, who had rather be right than rich, is a Saint in Caesar's Household.

In these days of municipal and national corruption, in these days of monopolistic greed and political graft, the man who will stand up with the conviction and courage of a man, fearlessly and honestly speak like a man and act like a man, is a Saint in Caesar's Household.

The man who pulls out from the drunkard and gamblers and thieves, grits his teeth, clenches his firsts and declares in God's name and in the name of what manhood he has left that he will be a Christian, is a Saint in Caesar's Household.

The young woman who gives up the ballroom, card parties, theaters and glitter and glare of our cheap modern society, and follows Christ in the regeneration of the world, is a Saint in Caesar's Household.

One tuberose pinned on the lapel of a live man's coat is worth more than a freight car load of flowers placed on a dead man's coffin. Please give me flowers while I can smell them.

We must revise our definition of Christianity; Christianity is not walking down a church aisle, with a sanctimonious look on your face, but is going about every day doing good in the name and in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

You may talk about "Once Christ, and never out," as much as you please, but when a man ceases to pray, ceases to read the Bible, ceases to try to lead his fellow man toward God, he is a dead Christian.

The man or church which refuses to work with another denomination for the salvation of the world is a relic of religious barbarism, and deserves a place in the museum with the guillotine and other bloody instruments of religious persecution.

The Church has not discharged its obligations when it has hired a man to stand up twice one day in seven to explain its creeds and doctrines, and to piously ram the Bible down the throats of the people; it must go into the highways and hedges during the week, care for the sick and wounded and distressed and needy, and then on Sunday they will hear us when we tell them of "Jesus, the mighty to save."

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In he matter of the estate of George A. Woods, deceased.

In the Probate Court of Marion County, October term, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that Huldah A. Woods, as Exrx. of the estate of George A. Woods, deceased, has presented and filed her account and vouchers in final settlement of said estate, and that the same will come up for examination and action of said Probate Court of Marion County on the 20th day of November, 1909, at which time all heirs, creditors or legatees of said estate are required to appear in said court ad show cause, if any there be, why said account and vouchers should not be approved. And the heirs of said estate are also hereby required at the time and place aforesaid, to appear and make proof of their heirship.

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JAMES H. LOTT, Attorney.

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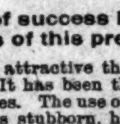

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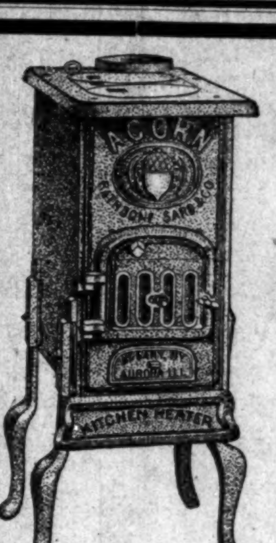

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